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#### March 6, 2003 + THURSDAY

What a catch!

A pair of Panther catchers talk about why they play one of baseball and softball's toughest positions.

SECTION B

# Local cops will train to counter terrorism

By Carly Mullady CITY EDITOR

A state agency has released \$265,000 to fund terrorism training for statewide law enforcement programs.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board dedicated this money to funding 45 separate programs throughout the state. The board is a state-funded agency responsible for training the state's law enforcement officers.

The programs are divided to support a variety of districts' needs.

Charleston is one of seven counties in Mobile Team 13. Denny Stewart, who is in charge of this area's training program said the exact training procedure for this area will be prepared in mid-March.

Terrorism threat awareness for patrol officers, legal aspects of homeland security, introduction to international and domestic terrorism, investigation of bombs and explosive devices, pre-incident vigilance and awareness and cyber terrorism training programs are among the state-funded programs listed.

"The basic idea is to help prepare local law enforcement officers to identify possible terrorism by teaching them signs and things to look for," said Thomas J. Jurkakin, executive director of the board.

The state is divided into 16 regions, Jurkakin said. The different regions specialize in the programs most needed for the counties within that district.

"For example, some regions' programs are specifically designed for handling terrorist attacks in school areas," Jurkakin said.

The programs will train patrol officers to identify a variety of signals from their everyday patrol beats so they can be prepared for local problems.

"There is a nationwide training program, but the government was slow in coming, and local law enforcements wanted to be trained right away," Jurkakin said. The board decided to react fairly quickly and form

state training programs. In October, \$60,000 was spent on a conference in

Chicago that trained top level public safety officials. "The fall conference trained 300 chief law

enforcers for the state," Jurkakin said.

Many of the programs last only long enough for basic terrorism response training.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Ramiro Avina, a physical education grad student, enjoys iced tea with Stephanie Bone, a junior health studies major, during the health fair held in the Student Recreation Center Wednesday afternoon. Eastern's Counseling Center created a simulation to help with Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of depression triggered by shorter daylight hours and lack of sunlight during winter.

# Health fair prescribes information to students

By Kelly Schumacher STAFF WRITER

Eastern held its annual Health Fair Wednesday, giving students the chance to ask questions and learn more about their health options.

The fair, which has been held since 1997, consisted of 55 different organizations.

The organizations covered a wide variety of topics through the many rows of tables.

Some tables provided information and counseling services concerning alcohol and drug abuse, and others simply handed out nutritional information.

Drew Hampton, a freshman teaching and social sciences major, said he was most interested in the table providing information about nutritional eating habits.

Organizations such as SONOR were available to present more serious topics.

President Candy Anderson, a junior health studies major, said the purpose of SONOR is to "promote healthy lifestyle choices and focus on alcohol through the use of social norms and social marketing."

The fair also provided several counseling services. One organization provided credit counseling.

Debts and finances can be very stressful on students, said Jared Garrison, a certified credit counselor. He said the Health Fair is a good way to make students more aware of their options.

Student turnout was largely successful, according to the many different organizations involved.

"This is the best and biggest fair we've ever had," said Eric Davidson, assistant director of health services.

The event began at 10 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center and lasted until 4 p.m.

# Eastern not alone with network woes

#### By Tim Martin

CAMPUS EDITOR

Are we there yet?

No.

Are we there yet?

No, we'll get to the Internet when we get to the Internet!

Just like the commercial, wherein two children bug their father to use the Internet, Eastern's Internet speed — or lack thereof — is a problem and has been for a long time.

By no means, however, is Eastern the only public university facing the dilemma, one it has tried to remedy for quite a while.

"I think it's a problem every university is facing, and it is going to continue," said Randy Marrs, manager of the university computer help desk at Illinois State University. "I don't see it going away anytime soon."

At Eastern, six new routers were

#### Making the network work

Here is a look at what other schools have done to fix network problems:

◆ Western Illinois: Upgraded its bandwidth to 39 megabytes per second last year.

◆ Illinois State: Prioritized network functions (file sharing vs. instant messanger programs, etc.)

added to increase bandwidth last spring, but the additions had little long-term effects on speed.

Vice President for Business Affairs Jeff Cooley had hoped for \$6 million from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to upgrade the network system, but because of budget cuts the allocation request was denied.

Mihir Chatterji, who was appointed director of Information

Technology Services in October, is now on a technology committee with Michael Hoadley, associate vice president for ITS, to address network problems.

"Obviously, we must upgrade our fragile network," Chatterji said in the Nov. 14, 2002, edition of *The Daily Eastern News.* 

An equipment upgrade in January gave bandwidth priority to web browsing over file sharing, but Cooley is still pushing for a student fee to help supplement the \$6 million price tag.

"Vice President Cooley is going to propose an extra fee in technology fee, which will address fixing problems with the network," Student Body President Allison Mormino said. "(The new fee) should hopefully get where we need to be and maintain for however years to come."

Šome schools across the state

have already made their upgrade for the years to come, while others are in the same situation as Eastern.

"No matter how fast your Internet speed is, you will always get complaints from students," said Mitch Davidson, director of university computer support services at Western Illinois University. "You can never have enough (bandwidth)."

Western upgraded its bandwidth to 39 megabytes per second last year with an Illinois Century Network connection.

Eastern, which also uses Illinois Century Network servers, comparatively has 20 megabytes per second of bandwidth, the Nov. 14 *News* article stated.

Most of the bandwidth is used up by file sharing programs like Kazaa! or Winmx.

"We don't monitor the content SE

students download," Davidson said. "We don't condone downloading copyrighted material, but we don't stop them either — it's extremely hard to do so.

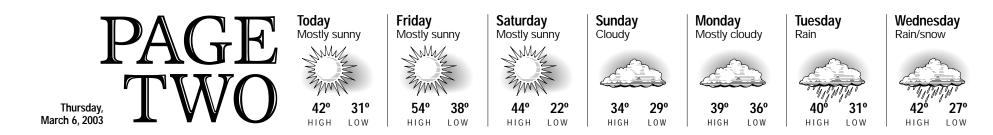
"What we don't do is allow students to run their own servers; so basically students can download all they want, they just can't file share it with someone else."

Davidson said Western's Internet service improved dramatically over the years.

Illinois State has a system similar to Eastern's, which allows file sharing, but gives higher priority to web browsing.

"Basically applications that consume large amounts of bandwidth are throttled back," Marrs said. "Meaning we give them X amount of bandwidth for the campus population, but when it's gone they can't

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# **'Blackzilla' is coming ... to campus**

By Jennifer Chiariello ACTIVITIES EDITOR

David Chappelle, the host and writer of the critically acclaimed "Chappelle Show" will make a stop on his "Blackzilla Tour" to perform the second event of the university spring concert series.

Chappelle was most recently seen in the Universal Pictures feature "Undercover Brother," opposite Eddie Griffin and Denise Richards. Chappelle's first major starring role was in "Half Baked," which he also co-wrote.

The Counting Crows will be the first event of the spring concert series.

Donna Fernandez, University Board concert coordinator, said the UB has been putting out offers since November for spring shows.

"Whenever an offer is not accepted, we move on and make the next best choice. We feel Counting Crows and Dave Chappelle will reach different audiences.

"I think they will be great shows and very popular with our students," Fernandez said. The UB plans, at most, two

The UB plans, at most, two performers each semester, Fernandez said.

The demand for David Chappelle went up since his television show has aired, Fernandez said.

"We were lucky to get him before his show blew up."

Chappelle will perform at 8 p.m. April 25 in Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$12 for Eastern students with their Panther Card and \$20 for the general public.

Reserved seating will be available on the floor and in the balcony.

Tickets can be purchased at

#### CORRECTIONS

A headline in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* was incorrect. It should have said Student Action Team will lobby against tuition caps. *The News* regrets the error.



the University Union ticket office in person or by calling 581-5122.

The UB is paying the University Union ticket office to be open one day for students so everyone will have a fair chance before the public to purchase tickets, Fernandez said.

Tickets go on sale to Eastern

students during special office hours from noon to 5 p.m. March 29 and to the general public at 10 a.m. April 2.

Multi-platinum recording artists Counting Crows will perform at 8 p.m. April 18 in Lantz Arena.

Tickets for the

Counting Crows performance are \$18 for Eastern students with their Panther Card and \$24 for the general public. General admission seating will be on the floor and reserved seating in the balcony.

Tickets go on sale to Eastern students during special Union ticket office hours from noon to 5 p.m. March 22 and to the general public at 10 a.m. March 31.

Regular University Union ticket office hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

David Jones, UB concert coordinator-elect, said he highly recommends both shows.

"It's the perfect opportunity for students to take part in activities at Eastern."

Opening acts for either show have not been announced yet. Students interested in more information on either event can check the website at http://www.eiu.edu/~concerts.

Both events are sponsored by UB Concerts, a student programming board responsible for major entertainment events at Eastern. Profs of the rou

COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jerie Weasmer, an English professor, sits with other Eastern professors during the "Talking About Teaching Roundtable" discussion where Weasmer and her group discussed writing, group work and quizzes Wednesday afternoon in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Profs of the roundtable

Professors talk about their profession

By Rob Ebsen

STAFF WRITER

Professors from various departments met Wednesday for the "Talking About Teaching Roundtable," in which professors and faculty took part in discussions to share and learn teaching methods that benefit students.

The roundtable was made up of four main discussion groups: small group learning/assignments, student engagement, critical thinking and assignments/testing/problem-based learning. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., participants were free to sit

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., participants were free to sit down with any of the groups to listen and share ideas.

The small group learning discussion focused on the many aspects of teaching with small groups. Group members shared different styles of small group teaching along with interesting methods of assembling groups.

The group also talked about why the use of groups began and why small groups are effective. English professor Bonnie Irwin said groups open up

creative options, and she sometimes uses groups to do creative non-verbal activities such as making a group drawing to relate to the topic.

The critical thinking group talked a lot about how to integrate critical thinking activities into teaching, and faculty evaluated their respective departments and shared the roles that critical thinking plays in each department.

The professors shared many ideas as to how to focus on critical thinking and spent a lot of time talking about how it plays a part in their student research assignments.

English professor David Radavich said one of the ways he gets his students to engage in critical thinking is to have them critique each other and themselves.

The group that focused on assignments, testing and problem-based learning talked a lot about how students assess information, writing assignments and testing issues.

One discussion issue was about the relevance of quizzes. The group facilitators said quizzes aren't the best tool to gauge learning, but the point is to see if students did their assignment. Faculty also agreed giving quizzes on reading assignments changes the way a student reads.

### A look at women's literary contributions

♦ The Dramatic Players will be the

last student fee-funded board to pres-

ent next year's proposed budget to

the Apportionment Board Thursday.

**Dramatic Players present** 

next year's budget to AB

◆ A presentation on writing women's literary history, sponsored by Booth Library, will be presented Thursday as part of the Women's History Awareness Month events.

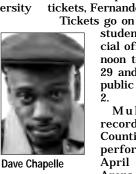
COMING UP

There will be four speakers from the English Department speaking. Julie Campbell will discuss writ-

The AB is the only source of revit- enue for the Dramatic Players, proposals and present them again before final budgets are approved. —By James Washburn, staff writer

### RHA to discuss skating party, Bucket Brigade

♦ The Residence Hall Association Thursday will discuss an upcoming skating party, Bucket Brigade and placement of residence hall teams participating in the Up Till Dawn fundraiser. Student Body President Alison Mormino discussed Bucket Brigade at last week's meeting and will return this week to discuss the event further. RHA President Stina Heldmann said Mormino is looking for volunteers and a donation from the RHA. "The donation was tabled last week, but I anticipate it will be taken from the table this week and voted on," Heldmann said.



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ers from the Renaissance, Donelle Ruwe will speak about early children's poetry, Richard Sylvia will discuss writers of the late Victorian and early 20th century and Angela Vietto will discuss early American women writers.

The goal of the presentation is to introduce issues and ideas to open up discussion, Ruwe said.

The presentation includes a question and answer session.

"It should inspire students to work on nontraditional literary text and develop more complex understanding of literary history," Ruwe said.

The presentation is 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room 440.

Another Women's History Awareness Month event, "Mickey Mouse Monopoly: Disney, Childhood and Corporate Power," takes place at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Women's Resource Center, located in the basement of Stevenson Hall.

This is part of the ongoing Gender and Popcorn Film Series. —By Erica Courtright, staff writer said AB Chair Amy Leonard.

The amount they receive is based on the money they made from ticket sales in the previous year, Leonard said.

The Dramatic Players are one of five different boards to receive funding directly from the AB.

Budget proposals already have been made by the other four boards: the University Board, Campus Recreation, Student Government and the AB.

A reserve account also exists to cover any unforseen expenditures that may arise during the year.

Leonard said the Dramatic Players' budget will definitely be approved.

The AB's funds for next year total \$462,375, which must be divided between the five boards. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

After the budget presentations are complete, the AB will meet to determine the budget amounts for the coming year. The boards will then have to revise their budget Heldmann said Mormino also will bring participation forms for anyone who wants to participate in Bucket Brigade.

Also up for discussion at RHA is a skating party the RHA is planning. The party will be on March 29.

The RHA made a donation to Up Till Dawn and will be discussing where the individual residence hall teams are to be placed when they participate.

Heldmann is already planning future RHA meetings for after break.

-Jamie Hussey, staff writer



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

A bridge located just south of Jackson Avenue on Fourth Street will be closing Aug. 1 for repairs, which will make the bridge safer for drivers to use.

# Repairs will now be water under the bridge

By Carly Mullady CITY EDITOR

Charleston has tried for four years to build a bridge worthy of the 21st century, but the city became bogged down in red tape.

Charleston succeeded at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The Charleston Department of Public Works will begin progress on the Fourth Street Bridge project following city council approval of state grants and land purchases.

"The grants pay about 80 percent and the the city covers the remaining 20 percent," Barber said.

Fourth Street Bridge, located south of Jackson Avenue, is a troublesome part of Fourth Street.

"It's rating has been low for several years," said Dean Barber, director of public works.

The bridge is rated 45 out of 100 on the Illinois Department of Transportation scale. The

scale is based mostly on Ba

"The handrail had fallen off the east side of the bridge over a year ago," Barber said.

The bridge has structural problems as well. The area beneath the bridge prevents a sufficient flow of water. This problem leads to unnecessary flooding near the bridge.

Also, the concrete surface of the bridge shows visible signs of damage.

"There are cracks in the concrete that open up to an inch or so wide," Barber said.

Problems with the bridge prevent citizens from safely and confidently traveling over the bridge.

"A driver cannot go 30 or 35 miles per hour over the bridge comfortably if there is a car coming for the opposite direction," Barber said.

Repairs will be made 100-200 feet from the bridge in both directions, which will narrow the bridge's inlets back to the actual width of the street.

Barber said the bridge's

#### feet.

Once all factors are processed, bridge work will commence August 1, 2003.

"We will start Aug. 1 and last until the beginning or middle of December," Barber said.

This variety of problems posed by the bridge's aging make it the most important bridge repair project in the area, Barber said. The repair needs to take place before any further damages occur.

Rebuilding this bridge is a priority for the Public Works Department. Barber said it has been working toward the project since 1999.

Barber said paperwork is being processed so the work can begin as soon as possible.

State funding will pay \$344,000 of the repair project, and Charleston's motor fuel tax fund will pay \$86,000.

The project involves completely rebuilding the bridge, which will close that section of Fourth

# ISU files labor claim, plans for new union

University hopes to hold elections in April for union officials of new union.

By John Chambers

ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

At Illinois State University, organizers for a non-tenure track faculty union hope to hold elections for officials in April, despite the status of an unfair labor claim.

The Illinois Education Association filed the labor practice with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board against ISU in mid-February, charging the university interfered with efforts to organize a union.

The charge consists of two parts, one deals with the university's promises to non-tenured faculty and the other with a refusal to hire a university employee without reason, according to a Nontenure Tenure Track Faculty Association IEA/NEA press release.

The opportunities promised include establishing a grievance procedure and a handbook, equivalent to a contract. The efforts made by university President Victor Boschini are seen as a way to convince faculty a union is not necessary, the press release said.

The university's action in the current stage of the union's development is illegal, said Gretchen Knapp, the nontenured faculty member the university is refusing to rehire.

is refusing to rehire. Knapp said the administration was warned about state legal issues.

"According to the Illinois Educational Labor statute, it says you can't interfere with an election," she said. "That was pointed out to administration behind the scenes and they just decided to ignore the red flags."

The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, established in 1984, gives public educational employees the right to organize, select labor representation and bargain with employers.

#### Act two

For this spring semester, Knapp said "I was told my services were no longer needed."

Interim Provost Al Bowman did not return phone calls. He previously said Knapp does not work in spring semesters.

Knapp said that is not accurate, and the trouble began after she was the only one to testify for non-tenured faculty at a hearing in Springfield about a year ago.

"I want to get my job back. The provost is claiming I am an interim employee," she said. But Knapp said the real reason she was not rehired is "because I am clearly a labor organizer."

"If you're really visible, it's not like the university can say, 'we didn't know she was a labor activist.""

After she was told her services were not needed, Knapp started working with university grants and is supposed to be the coordinator for one grant that came through.

She said those working on a grant are

"When (Bowman) says she doesn't work in the spring ... that her employment is dependent on student enrollment. ... no, she's working on a grant," said Faculty Association spokeswoman Sharon MacDonald.

MacDonald and Knapp both said nontenure track faculty now make up 40 percent of the instructors at the university.

#### The next step

"(A union) is is the only way we can have rights. We have people who don't even know they're eligible for health insurance," Knapp said. "We have people who have been here 30 years temporary contract ... we have faculty who are retiring into poverty."

Results from an administration law judge on hearings for union membership are expected early next week, MacDonald said.

Such hearings are held through the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, to whom the labor charge was filed, said David Radavich, Eastern's faculty union chapter president of the University Professionals of Illinois.

"It can set a precedent," he said. "They have a lot of unrest (at ISU)."

Radavich said the information offered close to university elections was an ISU administrative ploy. He said there is more incentive to unionize now with the current status of the state economy.

ISU's administration is trying to exclude membership from certain areas such as in civil service, she said.

Civil service, academic professionals, lab school and restricted non-tenure track faculty are those in question during the hearings, who account for 40 of the possible 400 available for membership.

While not all non-tenured faculty support forming a union, now more than ever, the formation is possible, MacDonald said.

"The university has now become so dependent on non-tenure track faculty that this is possible ... if they end up firing us, ISU's student population is going to decline by a third," she said.

After the hearing results next week, elections can be held 30 days following, so they will be scheduled for April.

The next step is getting people to join and bargaining for a union contract possibly by the end of this year, she said.

The Non-Tenure Track Advisory committee was formed in August for those not wishing to unionize. The group now has 15 members.

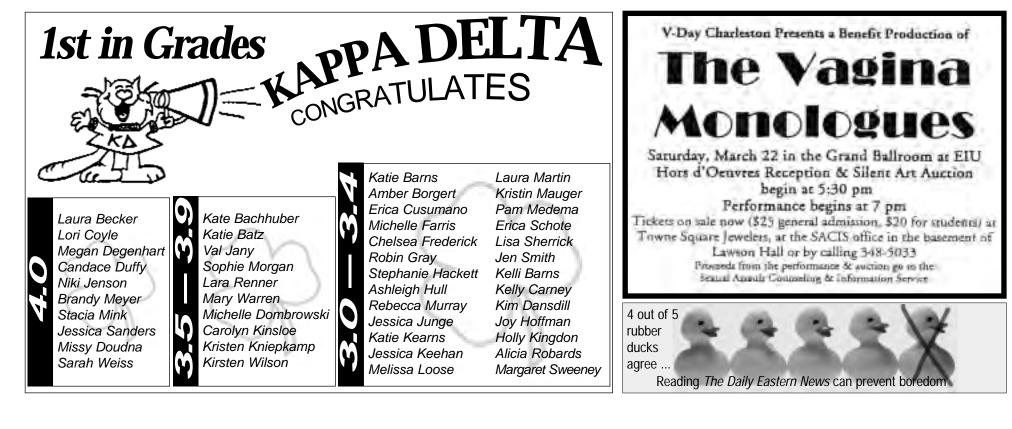
MacDonald said tenure-track faculty have started plans this week toward forming a union. While nontenured faculty are contracted every semester or annually, a union will help make the contract multi-year within several years of forming a union, she said.

"I think we're going to be thoroughly unionized in the next couple of years," she said. "We do have people in the administration who are supporting us ... they realize a union

safety requirements.

exempt from a hiring freeze at ISU.

is going to make ISU a better place."



I was told the other weekend

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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#### EDITORIAL

# Keep shop at high quality

For some students, coffee is a lifeline. Some college students rely on the hot, black liquid running through their bloodstream to wake them up and keep them up.

Eastern students were spoiled for the last four months while Java B & B, a gourmet coffee beanery and bakery, set up shop in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Java B & B offers an assortment of toasty drinks and tasty treats to the campus community.

The luxury students got from Java B & B needs to stay even if Java B & B is gone.

With Keith Bliss, manager of Java B & B and owner of Charleston coffee shop Jitters and Bliss, opting out of his leasing contract with the university after the coffee stand's short run, the university is tentatively assuming responsibility for the stand. The Java B & B project has been seemingly doomed from the start. Bliss

negotiated with the university for two years before opening his coffee shop, and at one point in 2001, Eastern cut off contract talks completely.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, said then people were tired of waiting for Bliss to finalize his plans. Bliss had a different take on the situation.

"(The university) reneged on their promise," he said in a Dec. 5, 2001, article. "I always thought there was a hidden agenda."

Now that Bliss is exiting, university Housing and Dining Services must ensure the upscale stand maintains high quality coffee while continuing to sell food items students enjoy. Prior to Java B & B, the stand was called Coffee Express and offered little more than bland coffee and a few pastry items. If the university reverts the quality of the stand back to the days when it offered only one coffee option, students are sure to be disappointed, and essentially, the stand would not be used to its full potential. Offering coffee anywhere on campus is great for most students, but Java B & B brought more than standard beans. If Eastern could get another local area coffee shop to contract the stand, obviously, that would be ideal.

# **OPINION** War not worth bad effects



Mary Barford Graduate student and guest columnist

biggest demonstrations were held in countries whose governments are allied with the Bush administration. In Rome, up to 3 million people for The Daily demonstrated, and from 750,000 Eastern News to one million protested in

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backing Bush are largely against a war without UN approval. These countries include: Britain (90 percent against war), Italy (73 percent), Spain (90 percent) and Turkey (94 percent).

NATO governments who are

Bush is doing better here at home where polls have found majorities of people favor military action. This is the consequence of a media that relentless ly repeats his arguments and in the Charleston area did not even report on the aforementioned demonstrations.

The original impetus for military action was the horror that was Sept 11. In the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, 42 percent of those polled believed Saddam Hussein was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. Not even Bush himself has made this allegation; all intelligence indicates Hussein had nothing to do with the terrorist attacks. The fact 42 percent of those polled believe

"Attacking Iraq is clearly a way to guarantee use of nuclear weapons."

not even the Bush administration has claimed, shows the profound ignorance on which Bush's support is based.

This is only the first indication Bush's proposed preemptive action has little to do with a "war on terror." The White House claims it is protecting America from another Sept. 11, but nothing could be more illogical. A war, such as the one proposed, will drastically increase the chances of international terrorist actions directed at the attackers.

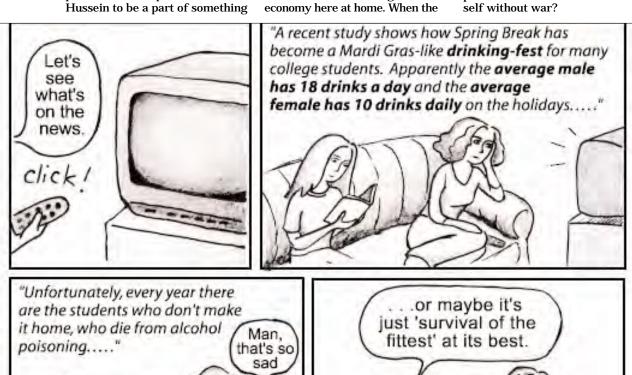
The only way the Bush administration plans to deal with the threat of nuclear weapons is to overthrow the Iraqi government. This action would surely provoke the use of any nuclear weapons, which Iraq may or may not have. In turn, the Bush administration has repeatedly said it will consider the use of nuclear weapons. Therefore, attacking Iraq is clearly a way to guarantee use of nuclear weapons. This is a terrifying prospect. But what if Iraq does not have nuclear weapons? Then the war becomes avoidable senseless slaughter. It is a lose/lose situation. If weapons of mass destruction exist, they will be used for mass destruction, and if no weapons of mass destruction exist, there ultimately will be avoidable senseless slaughter.

Let me also mention a war would be a horrible thing for our

UN Security Council stood up to Colin Powell last week, the stock market soared in response. Wall Street is against the war, as it knows this war is very likely to hurt the economy. This is unusual, as I believe most previous wars have boosted the economy. The reason a war would have such a detrimental effect on the economy is because it would provide little stimulus to domestic production, while the uncertainty it causes would cause businesses to hold back on investment. Also, any further increase in oil prices, will certainly be a blow to the economy.

In case some of you are hoping a war in Iraq will create some stability in the Middle East, or even promote democracy, think again. The Bush administration has kept silent regarding the plan for postwar Iraq. But if history is any guide, democracy will not be required of a new Iraq. The administration has been perfectly willing to cooperate with such allies as totalitarian Turkmenistan, authoritarian Uzbekistan and Kazakstan. The Cold War era offers as good a guide as any. Along with European democratic allies, the United States was fine with being allied with repressive regimes such as Pahlavi in Iran,, Hussein in Iraq, Seko in Zaire (now Congo), Hee in South Korea, etc.

The war does provide a distraction from the fact our country has had a jobless recovery from the last recession, and the next recession is already on the horizon. The federal budget, with help from Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy, is headed for a decade or more of growing deficits. What would the president have to show for him-



At issue Keith Bliss opting out of Java B & B contract with university Our stance The university needs to keep standards high when it assumes responsibility of coffee shop.

Cartoon by Mary Beth Marfia

The university should keep in mind that if students want a simple cup of coffee or a gas stationstyle cappuccino, they can walk upstairs to the University Food Court and use Dining Dollars. At least if the university is going to continue to allow the stand accept only cash, maintain the quality of the shop. If quality falls by the wayside, Dining Services will only have itself to blame.

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



#### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR was entitled to defense team **lertz**

Anthony Mertz's defense was bashed in the column 'This was Shannon's Day.' published Feb. 13. The column presented an immature and an intellectually devoid opinion of one of the greatest things about this country, one's innocence until proven guilty.

Until the afternoon of February 12, 2003, Mertz was an innocent, United States citizen, who was attempting to prove his innocence through the justice system. He was entitled to a competent defense from the accusations brought against him. The intentions of the defense are to provide reasonable doubt that Anthony Mertz murdered Ms. Shannon McNamara.

Considering the seriousness of the accusations brought against Mr. Mertz, I consider his attempt to use the best defense of his inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness well within the bounds of the judicial system.

Mr. Mertz was convicted of the crime of taking Shannon's inalienable rights, and as such will lose most. if not all, of his. However, the writer's job is not to judge

anyone else's job or guilt. He must think before he speaks because he represents the organization many of us turn to for our information.

David Zigler Senior chemistry major

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Mike Ward, a student at University of Illinois, talks to students and faculty about the conservation of songbirds Wednesday evening in Life Science Building Room 2080.

# Alumnus speaks on the road to success, ethics

#### By Carly Mullady CITY EDITOR

Eastern graduate Steven Sims, of Chicago law firm Much Shelist, spoke about corporate ethics last weekend to the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sims, who graduated with a political science degree from Eastern and received his Juris Doctorate from Washington University, is now a partner with the prominent firm.

In response to last year's Enron and Anderson scandals, Sims has been promoting business ethics.

'We would advise all business, public or private, to adopt a code of ethics and instill a company culture that puts a premium on honest, ethical and, of course, legal conduct," Sims said.

Congress' response to the business scandals was the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which was passed in mid-2002, Sims said. This act placed more extensive regulations on the Securities and Exchange Commission and the stock exchange.

Sims said the Sarbanes-Oxley Act outlines an extensive list of regulations for corporate governance, which also affects private and non-profit companies.

Of these regulations is one specifying that the best practices in a business become the minimum standards. From the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the SEC requires employees to report material reporting violations to higher officials. The employees are required to inform the corporation's chief legal or executive officers of any inappropriate or unethical actions within the organization.

"One specification focuses on the speed and transparency of public disclosure," Sims said.

Reporting and investment companies' CEOs and chief financial officers must now meet stricter standards for reporting disclosures

The SEC also adopted a rule, allowing only two days to report insider transactions, and proposed rules requiring electronic transaction filing.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act specifies all audit committee members be independent and all directors not receive compensation fees. This is done to reduce the number of family board members in a company.

Sims said corporations must now report to the SEC with their codes of ethics, which should deter wrongdoing and promote proper handing of conflicts-of-interest, full and fair disclosure, law compliance and internal adherence to the code.

"I think there's an increased focus and premium on ethics and values in the corporate world," Sims said.

Because of SEC and stock exchange requirements, ethics have become a necessary part of the business world.

"I have read reports that leading MBA programs in Chicago are considering mandatory ethics classes just like law schools have done previously," Sims said.

Ethics have become an important part of education because of the need for ethical employees in the business world.

"I believe it would be a good idea for business schools to emphasize values and ethics in their curriculum," Sims said.

## Senate hears budget outline, passes absence bylaw

Student Senate members make committee absences more serious

By Avian Carrasquillo STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate heard a budget presentation Wednesday from Student Body President Mormino outlining Alison

Student Government's 2004 budget request from the Apportionment Board.

Instead of asking for separate allocations, we will ask for money in one lump sum that will cover money for our committees and projects," Mormino said.

The Student Government has requested a total of \$31,894 compared to last year's AB allocation of \$31,035.

A bylaw change requesting an increase in the penalty for missed committee meetings was approved. The old bylaw allowed for three missed committee meetings to count as one absence from a Student Senate meeting.

Under the new bylaw, three absences from committee meetings will be grounds for dismissal from Student

Government.

The Student Action Team's bylaws also were approved with one amendment to the proposal.

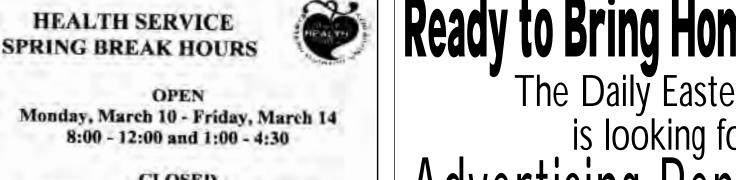
A change was made regarding the legislative research committee. Instead of meeting once a month, the committee will convene once a semester. Marty Ruhaak, chair of the

Student Action Team, was glad

the bylaws were approved.

"The approval of the bylaws makes the Student Action Team stronger to lobby in Springfield,' Ruhaak said.

Brian Scios was approved as interim chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee. Jenn Anderson was approved as a committee member to the Student Relations Committee and the Housing Committee.



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# Making an apartment or house a home...

...Students warned to be prepared for different leases and rent prices

#### By Amber Jenne and Sean McDonnough STAFF WRITERS

With the additions of apartment buildings in Charleston, current owners may find it difficult to fill all leases before fall semester.

Because the supply of apartments is exceeding student demand, competition for leases have become a challenge for all, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Some students haven't had a problem finding an apartment because the supply is so high.

Freshman education major Katherine Roche said, "Sometimes I felt that the owners just wanted to get rid of the apartments because they have so many to sell."

For some owners, the excess supply has become such a problem they now offer rent discounts to students and throw in more incentives.

Heather Witmer, owner of Bell

Red Door Apartments, said she has noticed an increase in supply but keeps prices consistent and offers payment options to students for rent and security deposits.

"We are at the lower end of price anyway, so it is not necessary to go any lower than what we already are," she said. "We just have to hope that students learn which places take care of the property, maintain conditions and offer quality service. Hopefully, they will see that in us."

Some apartment owners, who have more space to fill, have panicked and hurriedly dropped their prices, Witmer said.

Sharron Turner of Lincolnwood Pinetree Apartments, located next to Carmen Hall, said they own apartments consisting of 123 units.

Many new buildings consist of three-bedroom apartments, thus leaving the older ones in less demand.

To make up for this loss, Turner had to lower the rent of her apartments by \$20.

"At this point, our apartments should be well over 50 percent leased, and they're not," she said. "In some situations I would settle for less...I still have bills to pay, too."

—Teresa Nichols, Old Town management

"Enrollment is up, but it is still not enough. I just hope it will soon change."

Even though students have hectic schedules, they can still find quality apartments because the supply is so high.

"I started looking late, but there are so many choices that I had a fairly easy time finding an apartment," said Matt Bover, a sophomore business and applied science major.

Turner said the supply is definitely here, but demand isn't. However, Hudson said demand for the University Court apartments has been quite the opposite.

Hudson said because the apart-

ments are a part of the university and have a tremendous location, the demand has never been greater.

Within a week, they will all be filled for the fall semester.

"We are here to provide a service to students that works well," Hudson said. "Because the apartments are affiliated with the university, students are more confident that everything will work out and glad they don't have to take such a big risk."

Because of the quality reputation of Bell Red Door and its service to students, Witmer is not worried about her decision to keep her prices consistent.

"Some students would rather pay an extra \$50 per month to feel secure, compared to living in worse conditions," she said. "Parents like to know their children will be taken care of, and that's what we will do."

Other owners said they will meet students' desires to a certain extent, but they will still set the price that allows them to take care of their own needs.

Teresa Nichols, of Olde Town Management on Sixth Street, said although the supply of apartments exceeds the demand, her prices will remain consistent.

"In some situations I may settle for less, but I will continue to keep the prices within a range — I still have bills to pay, too," she said.

Joyce Williams, of Williams Rentals on Sixth Street, agrees with Nichols about having bills to pay.

"My apartments are in a good location and my prices are reasonable," she said. "Some places may lower their rent, but I don't need too."

This may be true, yet students still find incentives to give their business to certain apartment complexes.

"I think it's cool that most of the owners are so nice," said Matt Hetelle, a freshman speech communication major. "They really made finding a quality apartment easy."

Next fall, a newer and bigger apartment complex will be constructed out by Wal-Mart, and the trend won't end anytime soon because of the money the investment may yield, Hudson said.

# CAA to propose newly changed bylaw revisions

#### By Holly Henschen STAFF WRITER

STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on a bylaws package Thursday.

The bylaw revisions will affect council membership and selection of chair and vice chair for the council.

The first change will determine if faculty voting members will remain elected at large in the university community or represent individual academic colleges. Last week's proposal to have two representatives from each college and one at large was voted down.

"(The vote) could go either way," said James Tidwell, journalism professor and council member. Last week, he suggested he would support a revision that selects one member from each college and the rest at large.

Another suggestion included provisions for an academic adviser to sit on the council.

The CAA is the only university council or committee to hold an at large policy. The popular practice among other university councils and committees is to have a specified number of representatives from each particular college.

Terms for the chair and vice chair are three years. The bylaw proposal graduates the vice chair to the chair position at the end of the term. The incumbent vice chair would then assume duty.

Items to be added to the agenda include the addition of two courses. Both are speech communication classes: Language and Literacy and Communication Modalities. Revisions of three other courses also will be added to the agenda.

The CAA meets at 2 p.m. Thursdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### Editors named for new terms

The Student Publications Board approved four students to be next year's editors for *The Daily Eastern News* and *Minority Today* Wednesday.

Avian Carrasquillo, a senior journalism major from Chicago, will be editor-in-chief of *The Daily Eastern News* for summer 2003. Carrasquillo is the current student government editor for the *News* and the editor-in-chief of *Minority Today*.

Jamie Fetty and John Chambers will be editorsin-chief for the fall 2003 and spring 2004 terms, respectively.

Fetty, a junior journalism major from Rock Island, is the current managing editor.

Chambers, a junior journalism major from Peoria, is the current administration editor.

Joaquin Ochoa, a senior journalism major from Chicago, will serve as editor-in-chief of *Minority Today* for the 2003-2004 school year. Ochoa is the current managing editor of *Minority Today*.

Editor-in-chief of the publication manages a staff of reporters, photographers, designers and editors. The individual oversees production, planning and content of the newspaper and is responsible for all content and editorial decisions.



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By Ryan T.errell

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Students searching for a way to escape the burdens

The Film Club, created last semester, targets stu-

Jeffrey Beal, a freshman English major, thinks the

"I've made a lot of new friends at the Film Club; it's

The meetings feature a film, which is shown on a big

been a memorable experience," Beal said. "It is a two-

hour period where I can come and forget about my

screen at the Phipps Auditorium of the Physical

Science Building and some group discussion on the

film. Students who attend also get to vote on what film

thing from the classic 'Star Wars' to the comedy

'Spinal Tap,'" Beal said. "We have even had one stu-

dent who made his own movie and presented it to the

Monday's film was "Dancer in the Dark" starring

The film has won several awards, including best

Kelly Bryan, vice president, would like to see more

"At Film Club students get to view movies on a big

screen they normally wouldn't be able to," Bryan said.

"So far it has been a very memorable experience for

me here at Eastern, and we do our best to try and bring

Phipps Auditorium, located on the first floor of the

The Film Club meets at 6 p.m. Mondays in the

We've presented a wide variety of films, every

Film Club is an excellent opportunity for students.

dents not only interested in films but also ones looking

of schoolwork or relentless boredom can attend Film

Club, a Recognized Student Organization.

**Blagojevich settles in** 

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — After proving his political skills by winning the state's highest office, Gov. Rod Blagojevich is learning the hard way that being chief executive is an entirely different challenge.

The state's budget deficit is larger than he expected. He has struggled to put together his team of advisers and state agency heads. A key aide has quit, and scandal has engulfed his nominee to run the Corrections Department.

"I think that there is an understandable feeling that it's a ship adrift somewhat," said Rep. John Fritchey, D-Chicago, a Blagojevich supporter. "But I would rather be adrift than maintain a course that's going to land you on the rocks."

Some legislators, including Democrats who now run the Legislature, have also complained that Blagojevich is irritating them by keeping quiet about his plans on everything from appointments to the budget.

Lawmakers and political analysts say

#### *Ex-addict laments deal on meth before-and-after photos*

PEKIN (AP) — Penny Wood's drugweathered face helped cut a deal that kept her out of prison, but the 40-yearold Pekin woman says she now faces stares and ridicule instead.

Wood accepted a unique plea agreement in January that gave her probation in exchange for using her photographs in a campaign to curb methamphetamine use by showing the physical toll of the drug.

Now, she says the startling beforeand-after photos are causing humiliation for her and her family, and wants prosecutors to stop distributing the fliers.

"I've paid for my mistakes. I don't want my grandchildren to keep paying for my mistakes," said Wood, who faced up to 30 years in prison if she had been convicted of unlawful criminal drug conspiracy.



it's too early to grade Blagojevich's job performance.

"It's been a little rough, but I think it shouldn't be too much of a surprise because he's got absolutely no executive experience," said Chris Mooney, director of the Legislative Studies Center at the University of Illinois at Springfield. "He's coming in as a legislator and that's it."

The Chicago Democrat announced at his Jan. 13 inauguration that the state budget deficit was approaching \$5 billion — about twice what Blagojevich had expected.

Then he asked lawmakers for a twomonth delay in his proposal for a new state budget, and they agreed.

Tazewell County State's Attorney Stewart Umholtz said he isn't about to scrap the campaign, which he said already is helping discourage meth use by appealing to teenagers' concern over their appearance.

Wood's rapid aging is what first gave Umholtz the idea for the campaign when he saw her relatively youthful 1998 booking photo next to one taken in 2002.

"Seeing them side by side, it was apparent to me that the photos showed the impact of meth use better than I could ever describe in words," said Umholtz, who also is pushing for tougher criminal penalties to battle the rise in meth cases in central Illinois.

### Area students take part in anti-war protests

CHICAGO (AP) — High school and college students throughout the Chicago area joined students across the country

Since then, lawmakers have complained Blagojevich — himself a former state lawmaker and congressman — has told them little about how he plans to address the deficit.

"I think that everyone's a little bit antsy because the budget address isn't coming until April 9th," said Sen. Denny Jacobs, D-East Moline.

And lawmakers are starting to get agitated about their lack of input on Blagojevich's decisions, Jacobs said.

"It's a matter of frustration," he said. "I understand where he's coming from and it's a little bit difficult, but yet at the same time we're looking to help him in any way we can and we stand ready to do that."

Republicans have offered him the authority to make large spending cuts in the current budget, but Blagojevich has stayed silent on their idea.

Blagojevich has also been forced to backtrack or clarify his positions on taxes, his plans for this year's deficit and more.

in walking out of class on Wednesday to protest a possible war in Iraq.

"I needed to feel that my voice would be heard, that different students make their feelings known that war would be wrong," said Lesley Seliger an 18-year-old senior at Francis Parker School, who marched to a rally involving more than 200 students from the school and nearby Lincoln Park High School.

"It is important that students voice their opinion that it is not acceptable to spend billions of dollars on the war while some schools are shutting down a month early because of a lack of funding," said Seliger's classmate, Amanda Gramigna, 18, who carried a sign that read "War Is Not The Answer."

Protests attracted hundreds of students at other schools as well, including Evanston Township High School and Oak Park and River Forest High School in Oak Park.

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#### Terrorism: **Training programs** last from one to three days

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"Most of the programs last anywhere from one to three days," he said. "They last just long enough to train and inform officers of what to look for."

More extensive training will be set up for state police responding teams in the future, Jurkakin said.

'We are primarily concerned with officers on the street who patrol daily and what they can find," Jurkakin said.

Within the next five months, Jurkakin estimates several thousand officers will be trained.

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use those resources that they are trying to get to." Marrs said routers sort applications into three categories: high-demand applications, variable demand applications and normal demand applications.

Examples of high-demand are file sharing programs, variable-demand applications such as Real Player or

AOL Instant Messenger and normal web browsing. Marrs said normal-demand has unlimited priority to the bandwidth, variable gets a maximum of 80

percent and high-demand receives 30 percent of that portion. The variable number can fluctuate if normal

demand lessens.

"In a given instance, normal-demands may only be using 20 percent, so variable gets 80 percent and high-demand gets 30 percent of that," Marrs said.

The inconsistency of programs such as AOL Instant Messenger and Kazaa! has resulted in unhappy Illinois State students.

"Oh yeah, we got a lot of complaints," Marrs said. "Everyone thinks the Internet is free; yeah it is free, but the pipe to get you to the Internet costs you a lot of money.

"In reality, however big the pipe is, people are going to use every bit of it."

### Police: salesman suggested using flammable foam at club

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) - A foam company salesman told the owners of The Station they should soundproof their nightclub with packaging foam, the highly flammable material investigators believe contributed to the inferno that killed 98 people, authorities say.

Newly released investigative documents contradict the man's previous account about the purchase of the AROUND THE NATION davit. egg crate-style packaging foam that covered the walls at the club, which burned to the ground Feb. 20.

The man, Barry Warner, said he

was approached by one of the club's owners either Jeffrey or Michael Derderian shortly after the brothers bought The Station in March 2000.

Warner, who lives behind the building, said the co-owner wanted to address Warner's complaints about noise at the club.

Once the Derderians learned he worked for the American Foam Corp., they initiated the sale of the cheap, highly flammable polyurethane packaging material as soundproofing, Warner said over the weekend.

However, he told investigators Feb. 23 that he told the Derderians about the packaging foam sold by his company, according to a police search warrant affi-

> "Warner informed the Derderians that they could purchase the foam and use it as a form of sound-absorbing material," the document said.

Warner, who no longer works for American Foam, said Wednesday that the affidavit didn't accurately represent his conversation with state and federal investigators.

"There's a lot of inaccuracies," Warner said, declining further comment.

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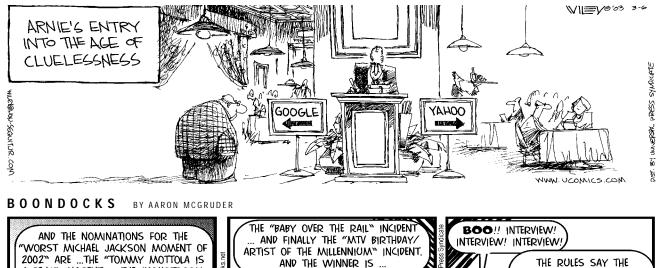
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# Second halves doom Eastern



NATE BLOOMQUIST/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Lauren Dailey led all Panther players in scoring this season with an average of 13.1 points per game. Dailey is one of four returning starters for next season.

#### By Matt Williams

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern women's basketball season ended the same way many of its games ended.

After playing Southeast Missouri close for the entire game, the Panthers were unable to hang on to a second half lead.

The Panthers (6-22) led by as many as 13 points but could not put the Otahkians away and eventually lost 79-76 to make a first round exit in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"We simply don't know how to close out a game," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said.

Second half collapses were no stranger to Eastern this season. Of the Panthers' 22 losses, they led at halftime in six of them and were down by one in two. Those are eight games that could have gone in the other direction, but Eastern could not keep its grasp on it.

Junior guard Lauren Dailey, who was the Panthers' leading scorer with 13.1 points per game, said the youth can take part of the blame for their late minute struggles.

"I think it has to do a lot with experience," she said. "Having a young team, it was difficult for us to close out some games."

Maybe those games could have gone Eastern's way with the assistance of junior center Pam O'Connor. A torn anterior cruciate ligament and a fractured patella kept the Panthers' leading scorer from a year ago out for the entire 2002-2003 season.

"When you lose a player like Pam, it's tough," Wunder said. "How do I know what we missed when we didn't have her?"

The loss of O'Connor was just one of the team's many downs during a frustrating season. During a stretch in the middle of the season, the Panthers lost nine games in a row and 12 of its first 13.

Eastern also struggled away from Lantz Arena, winning just one game on the road.

Despite the hardship, Eastern has a lot to look forward to next year. The surprise season by freshman guard Megan Sparks gives Wunder a solid player to look to in the future. Sparks broke out for 11.3 points per game and 4.6 rebounds.

"I thought Megan could contribute this year, but I didn't know she could do that much," Wunder said. "I think the pleasant surprise was her ability to score in many different ways."

The Panthers will return four of their five starters next season but will lose two of their inside players in centers Brooke Gossett and Kayla Bloemer.

Gossett was third on the team in scoring with 9.7 points per game and was named OVC Player of the Week twice this season.

She played in all 106 games of her career and is only one of four players to record 750 points, 65 blocks and 450 rebounds.

#### Gilbert:

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The 36-hole final between Woods and David Toms, who was still suffering the effect of a food poisoning bout earlier in the week, was the grittiest performance of the sporting year to date.

With Woods leading Toms by five holes after 19, Toms nearly pulled off a comeback for the ages against the world's top golfer.

Toms won two consecutive holes (26 and 27) to cut Woods' lead down to two with nine holes to play.

After an errant tee shot by Woods on the 29th hole, Toms took advantage of Tiger's mishap and won the hole with a birdie. Woods won the 31st hole to go up by two with only five holes to play and, in the process, put the pressure on Toms.

But the Louisian native battled back and cut the lead to one when he won the 33rd hole after Woods' birdie putt fell five feet short of the cup. Toms eventually succumbed to Woods on the 35th hole after Toms bogied the hole.

The NCAA Tournament will need nail-bitter after nail-bitter to equal the intensity of the golf tournament played last week.

After getting past the wagering aspect of "The World's Largest Office Pool,' the tournament doesn't compare to excitement of the Accenture Match Play Championship and you can bet on that.

#### Title IX:

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The panel seemed to have a consesus that Title IX was a good idea despite some of its flaws.

Former Eastern wrestler Ross Bracey said Title IX is a great thing. Bracey also said the negatives that came from Title IX were from programs that were dropped to meet compliance in the mid-90s. The positive was that they were eventually brought back.

Second year rugby player Jackie Jaworek was glad to see Title IX because she was able to walk on to the rugby team and play competively.

"Without Title IX I wouldn't be able to play rugby here," Jaworek said.

Assistant coach and former rugby player Michelle Reed said rugby was a good counterpart to football because women didn't ever have a contact sport.

"I walked on when we were still a club team," Reed said. "We were approached later to play at varsity level, and that was good for me because I had always wanted to play at a varsity level in college."

Head volleyball coach Brenda Winkeler likes that she sees players she has coached come up and coach and impact others, and she hopes that it continues.

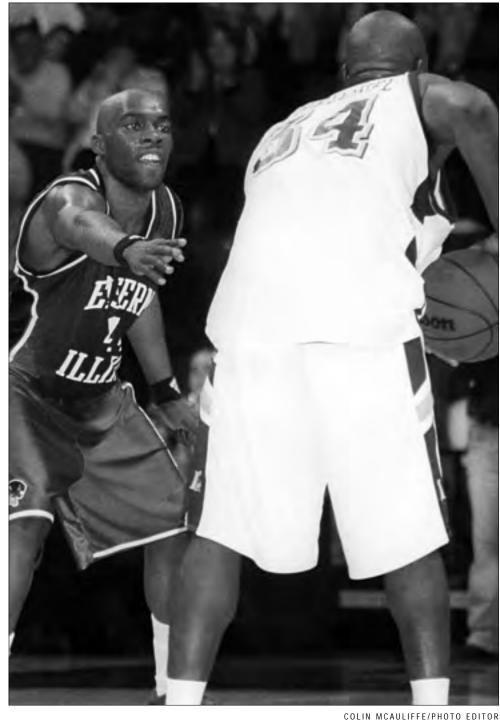
"Women are seeing other women doing it, and they are saying that is something they want too," Winkeler said. "Women and the new opportunities have caught fire."





#### MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON WRAP UP

# Five seniors depart after loss to Murray



Senior guard Henry Domercant will be missed by teammates and coaches for his leadership on and off the court. Domercant broke the Ohio Valley Conference career scoring record and became the 26th player in NCAA history to score 2,600 career points Tuesday at Murray State. • Injuries, poor shooting harm Panthers in up-and-down season

#### By Matthew Stevens

SPORTS REPORTER

The Henry Domercant era of Eastern men's basketball officially ended Tuesday night as the Panthers ended their 2002-2003 season with a record of 14-15.

"I don't think we'll ever again have anybody like Henry in the way of charisma, character and smile," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "He truly does use all of God's gifts."

Eastern's leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker, the 6-foot-4 guard, became the 26th player to reach 2,600 points in NCAA history.

"I've been here for 23 years and never had a kid maximize his potential and maximize his opportunities more than Henry," Samuels said. "There will never be another one, I can assure you of that."

Domercant and fellow guards Craig Lewis, J.R. Reynolds and Ramon Taylor, along with center Jan Thompson, played their last game in the 76-63 loss at Murray State in the Ohio Valley Conference Quarterfinals match-up.

"I will always keep in touch with these seniors," Samuels said.

Domercant is currently the OVC all-time leading scorer with 2,602 career points. Domercant may end the season as the nation's second leading scorer, averaging 27.9 points per game, to cap an incredible five-year career at Eastern.

"No matter what Henry said, he's had a good time in college," Samuels said. Samuels described his relationship with

Samuels described his relationship with fellow four-year players Lewis and Thompson, who were also along for the 2001 NCAA Tournament ride:

"Craig was a kid that he and his coach didn't always see eye-to-eye but provided great consistency," Samuels said. "Jan was such a selfless person who was willing to put his teammates in front of himself."

The Panthers' (14-15, 9-7) second leading scorer Reynolds (12.3 ppg), and Taylor came as junior college transfers and had their last two seasons end in Murray, Ky.

"J.R. did an exceptional job of becoming a team leader emotionally this season," Samuels said.

The surprising aspect of the Panthers' season was their disappointing overall

shooting performance of 38 percent from the field.

"We just didn't shoot the basketball very well this year, and that shocked us," Samuels said.

Samuels believes the lack of developing a second scoring threat and a consistent lineup around Domercant was because of inconsistency and injury.

"Those types of things happen, but Jan could have helped us when he was injured against bigger teams, and Jake Sinclair's bronchitis really set him back," Samuels said.

Eastern's future looks bright even though OVC predictions for the 2003-2004 squad may be quite low without Domercant.

"I think that we will be better than anybody thinks next season," Samuels said.

Eastern will have to look to fill Domercant's shoes with freshman Josh Gomes and a pair of newcomers at guard – New Mexico State transfer Emanuel Dildy and Cortez Forte, who was not officially eligible to practice or play this season.

"Josh Gomes has a better shooting stroke than Henry, and Emanuel Dildy is a true point guard that will create some excitement," Samuels said. "If academics can take care of themselves, Cortez Forte will be a big factor for us."

Samuels and the Panthers' coaching staff is looking for improvements from other key elements of the returning 2002-2003 team, including junior forward Jesse Mackinson.

"Jesse Mackinson has uncles that are his height and 250 pounds, so he needs to put on weight," Samuels said. "That kid just can't keep weight on."

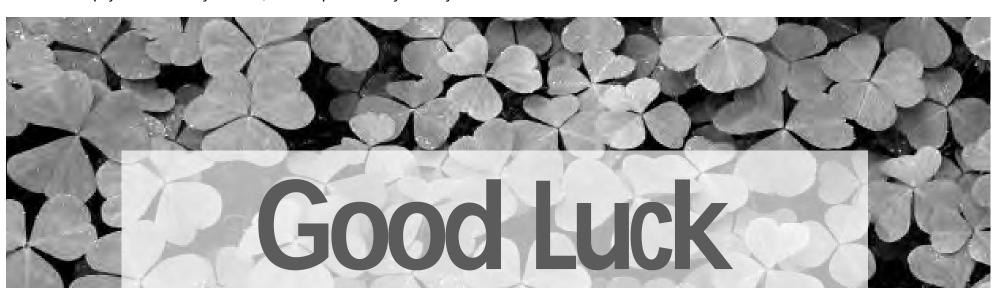
Andy Gobczynski, and David Roos had frustrating seasons and will be expected to contribute more next season, while Joey Cortez will have more responsibility after being red-shirted.

"Andy was pressing too hard trying to help the team, and we are expecting a much better season from David," Samuels said.

"Our goal of Joey Cortez was to get him to look like he didn't need a meal, but he really wants to play."

Eastern's coaching staff will need to fill a hole left by the team's five departing seniors.

"This was a very special group of kids that meant a lot to me," Samuels said.



# Spring Sports Athletes From the DEN

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#### TEEIN' OFF



Michael Gilbert STAFF WRITER

# March equals golf madness

It may be hard to believe, but the Madness is over and it's only the first week of March.

Don't worry college basketball fans and gamblers alike. 'The World's Largest Office Pool' will still begin March 20. But the real thrilling and enticing field of 64 tournament ended Sunday at the La Costa Resort and Spa in California.

I'm referring to the Accenture Match Play Championship, and, yes, it is golf.

Viewers were treated to one of the most entertaining tournaments of any sport last week. The match play tournament takes the top 64 golfers and places them in four brackets (one vs. 16, two vs. 15, etc.) and the golfer with the lowest stroke total on each hole wins that hole. Whoever wins 10 holes or the most after a round of 18 advances.

This can lead to some major upsets and very exciting golf.

No. 1 seeds Ernie Els and Retief Goosen could not survive the first day, and Spain's Sergio Garcia was bounced on the first day by defending champion Kevin Sutherland. In the semifinals, Tiger Woods needed 19 holes to defeat Australian Adam Scott in what was the match of the tournament at the time. Unlike the NCAA Tournament, every match, regardless of seeding, could go either way.

In a few years, the Accenture Match Play Championship will become the major tournament in March

Face it, college basketball is not viewable anymore, and many people only pay attention to fill out their brackets and try to win a few bucks.

No longer are the top picks in the NBA Draft coming from the college game. Gone are the recognizable faces of guys who spend four years in college like Christian Laettner, Wally Szczerbiak and Tim Duncan. Instead the top selections are foreigners or high school kids

# Lantz hosts West Regional

• Eastern hosts regional for first time in nine vears

By Aaron Seidlitz STAFF WRITER

WRESTLING

For the first time in nine years, Eastern will host the NCAA West Regional for wrestling.

This will be the first time Eastern hosts the regional since the schools included in the tournament decided to rotate who hosts the regionals.

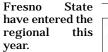
This year the Panthers and Fresno State were the finalists to host the regional. Eastern beat out the Bulldogs for the tournament. Matches will start Saturday at Lantz Arena.

"We used to have a formula for who was going to host the regional at the end of the year, but we have gone to just using a rotational basis lately," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "We have run the tournament here before, and we will have a good feel for it."

This year's field will be extremely competitive with a couple highly touted teams and two other solid squads.

Teams competing in the 2003 West Regional will match the Panthers up against some of the toughest competition in the country.

Such nationally recognized programs as Northern Iowa and



Northern Iowa finished its season with a record of 12-6 and were nationally ranked at No. 11.

Even worse Ralph McCausland news for the

Panthers is they are winless against Northern Iowa in 15 meetings. Again, this year, Northern Iowa seems to have the better squad and are expected to go deep in the tournament.

"They seem to be the front runners in the field by far," McCausland said. "They have put together an exceptional team this year, but we can match up well against them in some areas. Guys like Frank DiFilippis at 157 pounds and Pat Dowty at 133 pounds are both very strong for us."

The only doubt about Dowty is how he will match up with his opponent, Northern Iowa's Pat Garcia, who he has lost to two times already this year.

Northern Iowa also enters the top rated wrestler in the nation into the tournament. Junior Dylan Long is Northern Iowa's 141 lbs. wrestler and is the team's first top-rated wrestler in three years. Long finished the season with a

"Health has been a frustration for us all year long, but we seem to be in good shape right now."

#### record of 25-3.

Another solid team entered in this year's field will be Fresno State, who actually finished one match better than Northern Iowa with a record of 13-6.

Fresno could have entered the regional as the hottest team had it not been for a recent trip to Iowa. After winning 10 straight matches, the Bulldogs could not get a victory in Iowa going 0-2. Both Iowa State and Northern Iowa were able to beat Fresno and send it back to California with a couple more losses.

"Fresno does have a number of good individuals who wrestle well, including guys like Baca and Botelho." McCausland said.

Botelho could be its best wrestler this year after he compiled a 30-6 record over the 2002-2003 season.

Because of the Bulldogs youth, the team could be a little more vulnerable than Northern Iowa ,especially since Northern Iowa

already handled Fresno in impres-

sive fashion winning 33-3. Air Force and Wyoming also enter the regional with above .500 records. Both have solid teams that could turn the tables and upset one of the top two teams.

With two ranked wrestlers on Wyoming's squad this year, Levi Prevost and Brad Steele, this team should provide a tough match up for whoever it faces in the first round.

Air Force was the only team in this year's field to be able to beat the top team, Northern Iowa. It did so due to a new rule that named Air Force the winner after the two teams finished with a 17-17 tie.

Eastern has struggled this year, but due to injury problems throughout this season, the Panthers have not wrestled as well as they could individually. This gives Eastern some hope since the team is in its best shape of the season.

"Health has been a frustration for us all year long, but we seem to be in good shape right now," McCausland said.

"But I think we can be successful because we have our older players who seem to have their sights set and they seem to be focused. With all of the practice and conditioning we have done throughout this year, I am confident we will feel good and wrestle well."

ATHLETIC EQUALITY



PHOTO EDITOR Jackie Jaworek, a sophomore computer information systems major, talks with other students and a few teachercoaches about Title IX and equal rights for women in athletics.

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like Yao Ming and Kwame Brown.

June will mark the third consecutive year the top pick did not even attend college. High school phenom LeBron James will go first overall, and it appears 17-year-old Yugoslavian Darko Milicic will be second.

James is the most talked about non-professional athlete, and he won't be competing in the tournament and never will.

The 'World's Largest Office Pool' will have little star power besides the Las Vegas odds. Who do fans have to watch?

Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse or Luke Walton of Arizona may be good players, but by no means are they showstoppers.

So enter the Professional Golf Association and the Accenture Match Play Championship which featured 64 of the top 65 golfers in the world.

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# Panel discusses Title IX rule

#### By Jamie Hussey

STAFF WRITER

Title IX passes its 30th year of enactment and is under heavy scrutiny to make sure it is working to help women with equality.

There was a panel discussion Wednesday evening in the Rathskeller Balcony at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The discussion was about the gender equity in athletics and Title IX. The discussion held as part of Women's History and Awareness Month. The panel included Eastern administrators, coaches and athletes.

Director of the Office of Civil Rights Cynthia Nichols was the panel leader at the discussion.

Nichols said there was a call to look at Title

IX made Feb. 28 by the Secretary of Education

"They wanted to see what changes had been made, what changes might be neccesary and what the desired outcome should have been after Title IX," Nichols said.

Nichols talked about when Eastern was chosen in '94 by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) to check Title IX regulations in the school.

Nichols said it was chosen because of the high percentage of females in its student body compared to the percentage of women that were student athletes.

"Eastern did not meet par in Title IX, 'Nichols said." "OCR tried to dictate what teams would be added.'

Eastern decided to add women's soccer, golf

and rugby.

"Things got hot, and we were being required to change and reshape some of our sports and things," McInerney said. "We had to make practical realities and make it work.<sup>3</sup>

Nichols said in order to stay in compliance now with the OCR regulations, Eastern surveys incoming freshman and transfer students. The surveys are to help keep recent on upcoming or new sports the new students want to participate in at school.

Nichols said Eastern is the only school in its conference to have 22 teams. Eleven of them men and 11 women. The next closest number of teams in the conference is 16.

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A view from behind home

> Sitting behind the plate for an entire game can be a very thankless job in college baseball and softball, but seniors Bret Pignatiello and Kristin Darnell are more than happy to strap themselves into the catching gear for the Panthers.

> > This spring, *The Daily Eastern News* looks into why they and Eastern's other catchers are willing to put their bodies in front of pitches, bats and baserunners



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# COVER STORY The most thankless job

#### By Matt Meinheit SPORTS EDITOR

Catcher is one of the most physically and mentally demanding positions in baseball and softball. Eastern's baseball and softball teams are fortunate to have proven seniors at the position.

Not only is the pair proven, but they have established themselves among the best at their position in the Ohio Valley Conference. Senior Bret Pignatiello has been named First Team All-OVC the last two years, and senior Kristin Darnell has won OVC All-Tournament team honors the past two years as well.

Pignatiello spent last season as the Panthers' (25-26, 12-8 last year) designated hit-

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anyway.' however, does-

n't have to worry about switching positions this season like Pignatiello. She has been Eastern's starting catcher since her freshman year and has started in all but nine of 156 games in the past three years.

Darnell, a native of Arnold, Mo., has been catching since she was 12years-old after she tried out for select team in St. Louis and she was asked to catch for the team.

Ever since, Darnell has gobbled up innings behind the plate.

"Since I started catching, I've pretty much been the only catcher on the team I've played with," she said.

With the physical demands catchers face, a quality backup is always needed.

For Eastern's softball team that backup is red-shirt freshman Nicole Eichelberger. Eichelberger received a medical red-shirt last season after sitting out with a broken left ankle.

Eichelberger thinks watching from the bench last year was beneficial.

"I think it made me a lot less nervous coming in," Eichelberger said. "I got to sit back and watch Darnell; it really helped me out. She has helped me out a lot. She always helps me out in practice and give me pointers. She really makes me comfortable."

The baseball team has a much more experienced backup for Pignatiello. Senior Brad Weitekamp has played in 34 games in his three previous seasons with the Panthers.

"(Weitekamp) is someone we are kind of fortunate to have around because he does such a great job when he does come in," Schmitz said. "All the pitchers really enjoy throwing to him. He might not be the best catcher, he might not have the best arm, he might not be the best hitter, but he really brings it together"

#### Calling the signs catcher.

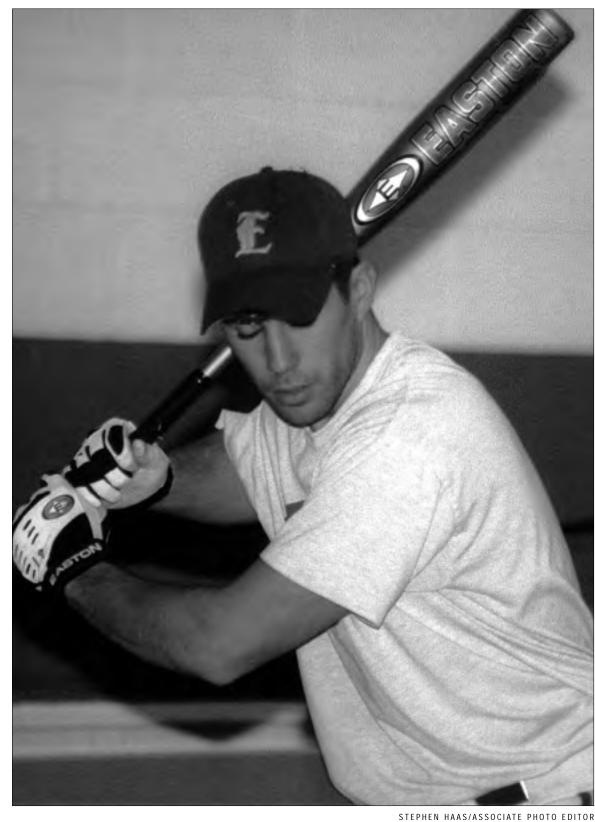
All of Eastern's catchers said "Sitting around as a they like the position because it keeps them involved in every play. DH, you kinda

"I like that you're just the center of attention-just you and the pitcher," Pignatiello said. "If there's something going on in the game, it always has something to do with you."

Eichelberger reiterated Pignatiello's sentiment saying: "I like that you're pretty much always in the game, there's not a slow point.'

Each play goes through the catcher before the pitch is even thrown, and for Eastern's catchers, being able call a good game from behind the plate is one of the most satisfying jobs in the game.

"That's probably my favorite part," Weitekamp said. "You're right there next to the batter and you can see every adjustment that they make. I get a thrill out of trying to beat a batter with the calls I make. I'd rather call a good game than get three hits."



Senior catcher Brad Weitekamp will spend time behind the plate for Eastern backing up two-time First Team All-OVC player Bret Pignatiello.

Schmitz calls all the pitches from the dugout, but Pignatiello and Weitekamp always contribute to the decisions made on the field.

"The neat thing about both of them, is they come in and make suggestions like whether we should pitch a batter outside or not," Schmitz said. "Even though I make the calls, it's really nice having them make suggestions for adjustments.'

Schmitz is proud his catchers take such pride in their defense.

"When it comes to catching, some catchers think the offense is more important than the defense, and that's not true," Schmitz said. Softball head coach Lloydene

Searle agrees.

"I don't think catchers get the credit for the hard work that they do," she said. "Behind a pitcher with good stats, there's usually a good catcher."

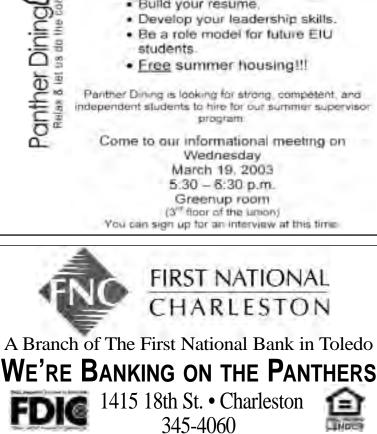
The first person to appreciate the hard work catchers do should be his pitcher. Senior Nathan Stone knows how fortunate he is to have a pair of experienced catchers to receive his pitches.

"They do a great job," Stone said. "Both of them are experienced catchers that have been here all four years and really know how to control the pitchers.'



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# Schmitz employs speed over power in '03

By Jon Rule STAFF WRITER

Despite starting the season 1-4, the Panther baseball team is expecting an exciting year.

Head coach Jim Schmitz enters his ninth season as head coach of a team that earned a second-place ranking in the OVC preseason coaches' poll.

The Panthers, despite the loss of OVC players of the year Pete Pirman and Ben Duke to graduation, will fall back on the leadership of ten returning seniors.

The loss of key players has changed the makeup of the Panther lineup, but the team looks to offset its loss of power by using its speed on the base paths.

"We are going to run more this year," Schmitz said. "The speed in our lineup is going to create a lot of pressure on defenses."

After last season's performance earned him his second First Team All-OVC selection, Bret Pignatiello becomes the team captain for the Panthers. Pignatiello hit .321 with 14 home runs and 37 RBI last season.

"Brett is our team's vocal leader," Schmitz said.

For a team with 10 seniors on its roster, Pignatiello recognizes the importance of his position as team captain and leader.

"The past couple years that I have been here, the older players on the team have led by example," Pignatiello said. "I think the younger players on the team look at that type of leadership and respect it."

In addition to Pignatiello, Senior Kirk Walters hopes to makes an impact on the success of this year's team.

Walters is coming off a back injury that plagued him for three weeks during the 2002 season.

"Some days I get sore, but for the most part, my back is doing pretty good," Walters said.

Walters, like Pignatiello, knows the importance his leadership is to

#### "(This team) knows

what it will take to win the OVC."

—Jim Schmitz

the team as a senior.

"As seniors, we expect to win," Walters said. "The younger guys on the team learn from the way we play."

Coming off last year's secondplace finish in the OVC, the Panthers know what needs to be done to capture their second conference title in three years.

"(This team) knows what it will take to win the OVC," Schmitz said. "The seniors on this team have offered good examples for the younger players."

Schmitz also noted the importance of his team's defense to the success of this year's team.

"The key is playing consistent defense," he said. "If we play quality defense and don't allow any extra outs that will be key."

After consecutive losses at the University of Arkansas and losses to UAB and Marshall, the Panthers notched their first victory of the season in an impressive comefrom-behind win over the University of Kentucky.

The Panthers will travel to Jacksonville, Fla., for seven games in a period of seven days against Central Michigan, Michigan State, North Florida, Jacksonville, Navy, Notre Dame and Creighton.

Eastern's spring trip will be a good test for the team, and many players agree the level of competition they will face in Florida will be important in preparing the team for conference play.

"The games in Alabama kind of brought us together as a team," Pignatiello said. "The spring break trip will help us get ready for conference play and be a good test for our team."



#### STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern's pitching staff practices in Lantz Fieldhouse. This season, the Panthers return four senior pitchers; Micah Gray, Nathan Stone, Matt Tyson and Damon White.

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#1 Kyle Haines	IF	Jr	#22 Micah Gray	Р	Sr
#2 Aaron Shelbourne	IF/P	Sr	#23 Adam Parsill	С	Fr
#3 Chris Uhle	IF	Jr	#24 Bret Pignatiello	С	Sr
#5 Jared Marshall	Р	Jr	#25 Danny Jordan	OF	Sr
#8 Marcus Jackson	OF	Jr	#26 Kirk Walters	OF	Sr
#9 Jeff Cammann	IF	Jr	#28 Matt Tyson	Р	Sr
#11 Mike Bouchez	Р	Fr	#29 Alex Chapple	Р	Fr
#12 Jason Pinnell	Р	So	#31 Mike Budde	Р	Fr
#13 Eugene Oliver	OF	So	#32 Nolan Cork	OF	Jr
#15 Eddie Rivera	С	Jr	#33 Damon White	Р	Sr
#16 Andy Kuntz	Р	Jr	#34 Nathan Stone	Р	Sr
#17 Kirk Miller	Р	Fr	John McGowan	Р	Fr
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# Panthers aim to defy preseason prediction

#### By Aaron Seidlitz

Eastern's softball team likes the fact they are being looked over again, as long as the team plays as well as it did in last year's conference tournament.

After a sub-par 2002 regular season in which Eastern went 20-24 overall and 7-13 in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Panthers were able to sneak up on conference rivals in the post-season tournament by placing third.

After playing such good softball at the end of last season, the Panthers feel the the rest of the teams in the OVC are once again looking past them. This year's preseason coaches' polls placed Eastern fifth in the OVC; a ranking the team feels proves they are not being taken seriously by the rest of the teams in the conference.

Eastern will try to use this as motivation as they start their 2003 campaign. The Panthers lost one senior to graduation, center fielder Amy Barr, and the team remains hopeful they will perform the way they did at the end of last season.

"The rankings don't mean a whole lot to a team early on," head coach Lloydene Searle said. "But it can be used as motivation because we had such a strong finish at the end of last year, and we don't seem to be getting any credit."

Not only does Searle think the squad was passed over by the coaches' poll, but she also feels the squad was slighted when post-season awards were given out last year.

"I thought girls like Jen Green earned awards last year and just got lost in the shuffle. Also, I felt that Carrie Ninness should have been recognized as an Academic All-American."

Even though the coaches' poll suggests this year's team will not do much in the OVC, the Panthers know the team coming back this year will be a strong one.

With players coming back with such talent, the Panthers hope they can take what they have on paper and turn it into good play on the field.

With returning seniors outfielder Carrie Ninness, designated player Jen Green and pitcher Kristen Becker, the team feels depth and experience will not be a problem this season.

"Pitching should be our strong point this year, and our relief pitching should be especially strong," Becker said. "We have good balence between veterans and younger players with a senior, two juniors, and one freshman."

Eastern's high hopes, however, didn't lead to a good start to this season. Traveling south to the New Mexico State Tournament, the Panthers came away with a record of 0-5.

But this result could be directly related to the fact Eastern did not have many opportunities to practice outdoors, with the Midwest still under the hold of winter. While the Panthers were unable to practice outdoors, all of the other teams in the tournament except for Indiana, had game experience already.

Even though the team came out with a disappointing result, the players still felt as though they accomplished what they wanted to.

"We had a good performance and we stayed composed even though we hadn't played yet," Searle said. "We hit the ball well overall, but we just left too many on base and seemed to hit the ball better when runners were not in scoring position."

After the New Mexico State Tournament, Eastern was scheduled to compete in the Austin Peay Tournament. But the tournament was canceled due to weather and field conditions. The next tournament scheduled for the Panthers starts March 8, when Eastern will compete at the Western Kentucky Tournament.



Senior outfielder Carrie Ninness takes part in throwing drills during practice Wednesday. Ninness is one of four seniors on the team this season.

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No. Name	Pos.	Yr.	No. Name	Pos.	Yr.
#1 Jenny Cervetto	IF	Fr	#10 Kristin Darnell	C	Sr
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#4 Trish Sanders	P/IF	Jr	#14 Jessica Irps	OF	So
<ul><li>#5 Nicole Eichelberger</li><li>#6 Jen Green</li><li>#7 Ashley Condon</li><li>#8 Melissa Boente</li><li>#9 Kari Hagerty</li></ul>	C/IF DP/U P Utility IF/P	Fr Sr Fr Fr Jr	<ul> <li>#15 Kristen Becker</li> <li>#18 Bridget Nichols</li> <li>#19 Mandy Lindwall</li> <li>#20 Cassie North</li> <li>#21 Bridget Owen</li> </ul>	P/IF Utility IF OF OF	Sr Jr Jr Fr So



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#### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Sophomore Sarah Freeman practices in Lantz Fieldhouse. Both of Eastern's tennis teams hope to contend for their first Ohio Valley Conference title.

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Brandon Blankenbaker	Jr	Becky Brunner	Jr
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Andrew Meyer	Fr	Sarah Freeman	So
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Colin Priestner	Fr	Amber Lenfert	Jr
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# Eastern set on winning OVC

By Patrick Wimp STAFF WRITER

Entering the third month of their respective seasons, Eastern's men's and women's tennis teams begin to concentrate their efforts and focus on the challenges ahead.

On the women's side, the Panthers will look to junior Becky Brunner to lead by example on the court.

"Becky is a major standout on the ladies' side," Eastern head coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "She's been able to come out this year and strike the ball better than ever."

Holzgrafe also praised the depth of this year's women's team.

"We have a very complete team," he said. "It's nice to place our top five girls in anyway; at times each of them can be the best."

Leading Holzgrafe's male squad is senior Lukasz Pluta and juniors Brandon Blankenbaker and C.J. Weber.

"We used to be able to win at the bottom (of the pairings )and now we are winning at the top," Holzgrafe said. "That is a total tribute to those three guys.

Holzgrafe also had praises for his sixth man, senior Matt Sadler.

"Matt Sadler is more devoted than ever." he said.

The Panther men and women have already engaged in some of their most important matches of the year.

The women's team's first months were highlighted by its recent trip to Ohio. The Panther's came out of the road trip 4-0, defeating Cleveland State, Toledo, Wright State and Dayton. Another momentous triumph came in January with the women's victory over Missouri, in which Tigers head coach Blake Starkey personally congratulated Eastern's women after their victory. The men's early part of the season

also saw success on the trip to Ohio, but was truly accentuated by a Jan. 31 upset of Marquette.

Both squads will look to perform their best for the April 5 matches with Murray State, the defending Ohio Valley Conference Champions. The team has already defeated other teams Murray State could not and hopes to beat the OVC's top team this April.

Holzgrafe claims the biggest improvement the team has seen this season is in its new assistant coach, Eric Surgess.

"Eric is the best assistant in the OVC, maybe in the entire NCAA," Holzgrafe said. "He has a great personality and is very easy going. This year he is kind of the glue and I am the chaos sort of like good cop, bad cop.'

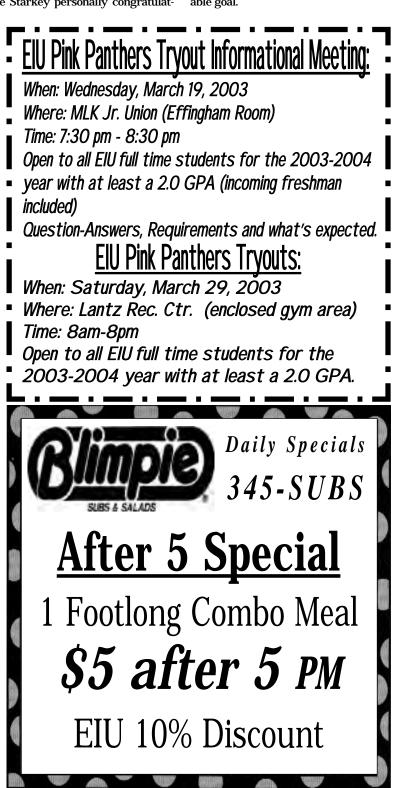
On the court, the men and women have their sights set on a chance at the OVC Championship. The men's team is hoping to stay healthy in order to keep championship hopes a possibility.

The teams set lofty goals for themselves off the court as well, maintaining their focus on grades. Last year, Eastern's tennis teams boasted some of the top GPAs on Eastern's campus.

"We are trying to maintain a season, a semester and a life," Holzgrafe said. "Last year we had some of the highest GPAs in the school. It is important that school comes first."

With a 6-2 start for the women, and the men starting to shake off some of their early season losses, the Panthers will move into the second half of their season with heads held high and with prominent goals in mind. If all things fall into place, the prospect of conference championships is a highly attainable goal.





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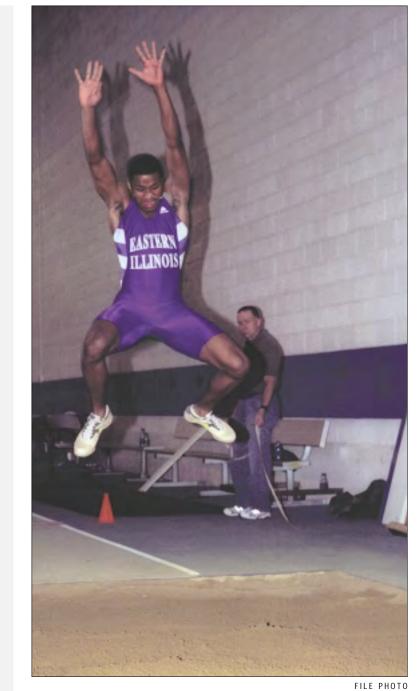
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Ben Brokaw	Fr
Eric Buhot	So
Adam Caldwell	So
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Jermaine Jones	Jr
Brian Levan	Fr
Tony LoBianco	Fr
Dan Mackey	$\mathbf{Sr}$
Kenny Mackey	Fr
Jarrod Macklin	$\mathbf{Sr}$
Scott McNamer	Fr
Marcel Morgan	Fr
Kyle O'Brien	Sr
Nathan Pepper	Fr
Andre Raymond	Jr
Raushawn Render	So
Dan Roby	Fr
David Rotsch	So
Brad Runnion	Fr
Nicholas Scafiezzo	Sr
Joe Slewoski	So
	Sr
Spencer Smith	
Jason Stark	Fr
Jake Stout	Fr
Dan Strackeljahn	Fr
T.J. Tebbe	Fr
Josh Vance	Sr
Chas VanDelinder	Fr
Josh Wakey	So
C.J. Wilson	Fr



An Eastern long jumper competes in Lantz Fielhouse.

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD **On track for 7th** straight OVC title

#### By Joe McNellis STAFF WRITER

This spring, Eastern's men's track and field team will prepare for another run at the Ohio Valley Conference title.

The Panthers have won six straight OVC championships in outdoor track, and judging by their performance in the indoor season, they have a legitimate shot of adding a seventh.

The Panthers won their third consecutive OVC Indoor Track and Field Championship last week by a margin of 75 points over their closest competitor.

Eastern head coach Tom Akers said his team has the pieces in place for another title.

Coming off of an indoor championship, I guess that puts us in the favorite's seat," Akers said. "Year in and year out, it's our goal to be OVC champs. We have a strong tradition established and these guys are doing a good job of keeping it alive."

Akers was named Coach of the Meet at the OVC Indoor Championships, a title he has grown accustomed to over the past six years.

Akers has guided the Panthers to 11 of the last 12 OVC championships and earned Coach of the Meet honor each time.

Although Akers received many accolades, it's his athletes that bring home the trophies.

Senior Kyle O'Brien earned a share of the men's Athlete of the

Meet honors for his victories in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs with times of 8:31.15 and 15:08.17 respectively.

O'Brien was not surprised by his efforts.

"I was extremely confident in the 3K and 5K races," O'Brien said. "The training has been there all season.'

What was even more surprising than O'Brien doubling up in the distance events was the team performance in the 3,000 and 5,000meter races

The Panthers come into the event with the No. 1,2,3 and 4 seeds and left with the top four in the race.

Senior Josh Vance placed second, senior Andy Derks took home third and Jeff Jonaitis took fourth in the 3,000-meter run. In the 5,000, Jonaitis earned second place, while junior Jackson Johnson finished third.

The other Panthers to earn victories at the indoor championships were junior Jermaine Jones in the 60-meter high hurdles, and the distance medley relay team.

Despite their success, the team will try to avoid becoming overconfident.

"We fear no one, but respect O'Brien everyone," said. "Personally, I like going in on top. I like the felling of knowing everyone wants to knock us off. Our coaches have started a great dynasty with this team. Eastern is the team everybody in the OVC hates and that's fine with me.'

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF On par for a solid year of competition in '03

By Matthew Stevens SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's men's and women's golf squads will look to win the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Championship and break the tradition of a six-year winless streak.

Since joining the OVC in 1996, the Panthers have suffered through nearly a decade of ruin.

This time, however, Panthers head coach Jay Albaugh may have his most experienced group, on both sides, in his five year tenure at Eastern.

The men will have two golfers playing in their final spring session as Dave Rella and Matt Holmes finish off their respective careers in Charleston.

Rella led the team in scoring average by posting 74.67 strokes per round. The Canadian import tied for third place in the opening Harris Invitational at Southeast Missouri State by shooting a 1under-par 209. However, Rella struggled late in the session resulting in the team finishing tied for 41st at the Ironhorse Invitational at Eastern's home course. The key for the men's team will be the play of the two Kyle's. Junior Kyle Awerkamp and Kyle Maxwell have continued to improve every aspect of their game except around the greens.

getting them to roll the ball much better," Albaugh said. "If (Kyle Awerkamp) could become just an average putter, he would shave at least four strokes off his average."

The women's team is led almost solely by upperclassmen when they put two seniors, two juniors and a sophomore out for every event. This gives Albaugh confidence they can break through and pick up victories this session.

"We had three second places in the Fall and the disappointing thing about it was the fact we weren't able to break through with a win," Albaugh said. "There isn't a tournament that we can't win or compete in this spring session."

Seniors Tyra Fredrick and Kristin Hoff will attempt to continue to lead a team with consistent play throughout the year. Fredrick was able to earn a Top 10 finish in each of her four tournaments with three of her eight rounds under par.

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD Outdoor season holds promise

By Mike Gilbert STAFF WRITFR

With the indoor season winding down, the Eastern women's track and field team will prepare to venture outdoors and attempt to win its first ever Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

The Panthers finished third in the conference last year behind Southeast Missouri and the front-running Tigers of Tennessee State.

Head coach Mary Wallace, who enters her 13th year of coaching but first at Eastern, believes the Panthers are ready to take aim at its first conference title in the seventh year the Panthers have competed in the OVC.

"We're really looking forward to the outdoor season," Wallace said. "We have a lot of strong points in each event and we are a good quality team." Many of the Panthers strong points will come from its talented corps of senior runners and throwers. Eastern will not nominate a captain, instead Wallace is looking for all of the seniors to show signs of leadership to the underclassmen. We have a great crew of seniors that will take on the role of captain," Wallace said. "Seniors (like) Nicole Millici, Katie Springer, Tiffany Greenley and Lauren Rapacki, who didn't compete in the indoor season, all look good." While the Panthers strength may be in its group of upperclassmen, the team will need a solid season from the freshmen and sophomores. Wallace is counting on sophomores Alicia Harris and Angie Simone in the track events and Georgia Griffin in the throws.

to succeed and Griffin is dying to throw discus.'

Despite this being Wallace's first-year as Panthers coach she is quite pleased with the team she has inherited. Wallace took over for the retiring John Craft in May 2002.

"I'm really pleased, but I'm going to continue to look for recruits to build the team," Wallace said. "We have a great nucleus of athletes now and by adding individuals (recruits) and if we continue to work hard we will have a great team."

The OVC outdoor season is very competitive according to Wallace, but the Panthers' coach likes her team's chances.

'Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State are both very good," Wallace said. "Eastern Kentucky is talented, but does have some weaknesses. By the

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Kyle Maxwell
David Rella
Dustin Sloat
Ben Wochner
Chris Womack

Hoff began the year by finishing in second place after losing in a playoff at the opening Cardinal Classic hosted by Ball State. Hoff only had one other round in the 70s in her last three tournaments.

Another Canadian player will be the key to the women's squad's suc-Saskatchewan cess. native Amanda Minchin was second on the team in scoring average at 78.25 strokes per round.

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#### Women's team

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Kristin Hoff
Kelley Kane
Monica Krauss
Amanda Minchin
Dale Morris
Kerry O'Connell Brooke Pellock
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'Alicia Harris has had a great indoor season and she is ready to build on that," Wallace said. "Angie will be another one ready

time we go outdoors we will be ready."

Wallace said the Panthers will benefit from the addition of events like the javelin and the 10,000-meter run which only take place during the outdoor season.

"We will gain on the competition in the javelin and the 10,000-meter run," Wallace said. "Those two events fit into our strong points. I don't see any weaknesses on this team."

With a team lacking any real weaknesses, one concern will be the weather in the upcoming weeks. Wallace knows that Mother Nature can reek havoc on the outdoor season and the training schedule of her athletes.

"If the weather is cold, we will have to stay indoors for certain events," Wallace said. "Going outside and practicing the sprints in the cold will not be productive, but the middle-distance and distance runners can go outside because they are used to the weather. The throwers will go outside as much as possible,

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Jen Roser	Fr
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Jessica Sams	Sr
Mary Beth Schmitt	Fr
Amanda Schuette	So
Crystal Simon	Jr
Angie Simone	So
Lindsay Sorensen	Fr
Katie Špringer	Sr
Chelsea Sullivan	Jr
Lisa Tarasiewicz	So
Deb Tygrett	So
Theresa Walker	Fr
Mary Wood	Jr
Heidi Woods	So

but it isn't safe for them to be throwing a 20-pound steel ball in freezing temperatures.'

A new factor for the Panthers to deal with fatigue.

"Fatigue doesn't effect everybody, but it does become a concern for those running the steeplechase or the 5,000 and 10,000meters," Wallace said.