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CITY GOVERNMENT

Home rule could save student, local lives



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

New system would allow city more power enforcing property codes in off-campus student housing

By **Jordan Crook**
Senior City Reporter

April Englund, Amanda Reif and Scott Hams were students at the University of Wisconsin before they died in a house fire in Menomonie, Wis., earlier this month.

Mayor John Inyart wants to avoid a similar situation in Charleston by having stronger enforcement of building codes in the city, especially with properties that involve students.

However, there have been no reports on what caused the house fire that killed the three Wisconsin students, Inyart said when he addressed the Home Rule Ad-Hoc Committee on April 8.

A home rule system in Charleston would allow city officials the power to authorize actions that are not prohibited by Illinois law.

The duty of the committee is to determine whether or not a measure should be put on the ballot either this year or next year to adopt home rule in Charleston.

Under the current system, building code inspections can only be performed if a tenant or landlord requests one.

If home rule were implemented in Charleston, the city would be able to perform inspections on properties when they see fit.

Inyart said the committee is weighing the advantages and disadvantages of home rule on students and community members equally.

"If it doesn't benefit the students, it won't benefit the townspeople," he said.

Eric Wilber, student representative on the Charleston City Council, said he believes changing to a home rule system would be beneficial to students.

"It would give them a safety net they don't have right now," he said.

When the idea of a committee like this was first discussed, Wilber asked Inyart to include a student representative on the committee.

He said Inyart agreed with him and made certain to include the student position in his decisions regarding the committee and home rule.

"I think they do want student input on this issue," he said.

Wilber said he will name his replacement in July and the person who takes his place will have an important role to play in how Home Rule is considered by the committee.

He said it will be up to them to make certain the student position is considered to the fullest.

However, Wilber said, since home rule means the city government has more power over taxes as well as housing code enforcement, students and community members may face higher taxes.

This will not have a great effect on students, and if home rule is adopted, students will support the change, he said.

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NATION | ELECTION 2008



MICHAEL BRYANT | MCT

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton waves to a crowd at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Clinton is the winner of Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary.

CLINTON DEFEATS OBAMA

White males, females, blue-collar voters help Clinton win Pennsylvania primary

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Rodham Clinton gained a gritty victory in the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday night over a better-funded Barack Obama, staving off elimination in their historic race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The former first lady was winning 54 percent of the vote to 46 percent for her rival with 35 percent of the vote counted, and she hoped for significant inroads into Obama's overall lead in the competition for delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Clinton scored her victory by winning the votes of blue-collar workers, women and white men in an election where the economy was



SARAH J. GLOVER | MCT

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, are introduced at a rally at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh on Monday. Obama did not receive enough votes to win in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary.

the dominant concern.

Obama was favored by blacks, the affluent and voters who recently switched to the Democratic Party, a group that comprised about one in

10 Pennsylvania voters, according to the surveys conducted by The Associated Press and TV networks.

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BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bill Joyce, associate professor of accounting, takes a drink during the Faculty Senate meeting where members discussed the implementation of Turning Point – a \$50 audience response system that will possibly be required of all students in the fall.

CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Turning Point is turning heads

Program will require students to purchase keyboards; bookstore may buy them back

By **Brittini Garcia**
Faculty Senate Reporter

The Turning Point program will be used by at least 15 professors, which will encompass more than 2,000 students starting in the fall.

Turning Point is an audience-response system that can work with PowerPoint.

The program includes keypads for the students and receivers in the classroom.

Students who take classes with Turning Point are required to purchase their own keypads.

Keypads will be sold in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union bookstore for \$50.

The bookstore is considering an option to buy back the keypads for half the purchased amount for students who no longer have a desire to use the keypads.

"If they don't want to sell it back to the bookstore, people can buy it from other people," said Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology.

Hoadley and Jeff Stowell, chairman of the Academic Technology and Instructional Support Subcommittee, discussed the Turning Point program at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

The recommendation made by the Academic Technology and Instructional Support Subcom-

mittee was approved in February.

"Turning Point is the most cost-efficient, most (powerful), and easiest to learn," Stowell said.

The program has been used on campus for the past three years, including during freshman orientation.

The subcommittee initially considered Textbook Rental as the facility to distribute the keypads because students could pick them up with their books.

Senate member Bud Fischer said Textbook Rental would be the best location for the keypad distribution.

"This is the logical spot for this destination," Fischer said.

Their consideration was ultimately denied.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Beyonce, Jay-Z file marriage license

The Associated Press

SCARSDALE, N.Y. — A village clerk says a marriage license for Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z, dated April 4 and signed by the person who officiated at the wedding, is being filed with the state.

The license was received by mail last Friday, says Scarsdale Clerk Donna Conkling. She would not say who officiated.

The celebrities and their representatives had refused to confirm widespread rumors about the marriage. But there was a lavish party at Jay-Z's Manhattan apartment on April 4, with guests including Gwyneth Paltrow and Beyonce's former Destiny's Child bandmates, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams.

The couple have apparently been dating for six years.

Knowles, 26, and Jay-Z, 38,

whose real name is Shawn Carter, have collaborated on the songs "03 Bonnie and Clyde" and "Crazy In Love."

Schwarzenegger buys 25 acres in Santa Barbara

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have purchased a 25-acre tract in an exclusive coastal enclave in Santa Barbara County for \$4.7 million.

The Santa Barbara area has long been a magnet for celebrities, from Oprah Winfrey to Michael Jackson. Schwarzenegger snapped up a parcel in the Rancho Monte Alegre project, a former ranch in Carpinteria dotted with waterfalls and lush canyons that is being transformed into privately owned estates ranging from 20 to 720 acres, the *Los Angeles Times* reported this month.

It wasn't clear when, or if, the California governor plans to build on the site, although it allows a home up to 8,500 square feet.

Israel says Streisand won't attend anniversary bash

JERUSALEM — Barbra Streisand has pulled out of Israel's 60th anniversary celebration next month because of "personal obligations."

Streisand was among the celebrities set to appear at a Jerusalem convention hosted by Israeli President Shimon Peres beginning May 13.

"Ms. Streisand, a devoted supporter of Israel since her earliest youth, very regrettably was compelled to advise President Peres' office two weeks ago that personal obligations would prevent her participation in Israel's 60th anniversary celebration," said Streisand's Los Angeles-based publicist Dick Guttman.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Not just limited to track



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Connolly, a sophomore middle-distance runner and prebusiness marketing major, throws a football before track practice Monday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium.

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

Woman finds 8-foot alligator in her Florida kitchen

The Associated Press

OLDSMAR, Fla. — And some people get jittery about mice in the kitchen.

Authorities say a 69-year-old central Florida woman found an 8-foot long alligator prowling in her kitchen late Monday night. Sandra Frosti says the gator must have pushed through the back porch screen door and

then went inside through an open sliding glass door at her home in Oldsmar, just north of Tampa.

It then apparently strolled through the living room, down a hall and into the kitchen.

A trapper with Animal Capture of Florida removed the alligator, which was cut by a plate that was knocked to the ground during the chaos. But no one inside the house was injured.

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LOCAL | SERVICES



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Former Eastern President Dan Marvin died Monday at age 69.

Former Eastern president funeral Friday

Staff Report

Funeral services for former Eastern President Dan Marvin are 11 a.m. Friday at The First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Ave., in Mattoon.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Marvin, 69, of Mattoon, died at 6:47 a.m. Monday at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Marvin was born in East Stroudsburg, Penn. on April 25, 1938, to Hazel and Daniel Marvin Sr. Marvin is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maxine James Marvin, and his son Captain Brian Marvin and his son's wife Crystal, of Petaluma, Ca.; his daughter Laurie Marvin Latham and her husband David, of Paducah, Ky.; and daughter Amy Marvin Koehler and her husband Stephen, of St. Charles, Mo.

Marvin is survived by six grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and his brother, Lester Marvin, and his brother's wife, Merle, of Pocono Mountain, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Adelaide May.

Marvin held a bachelor's in education from East Stroudsburg State College, a master's of science in zoology from Ohio University, and a PhD in physiology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

He completed postgraduate work at Michigan State University and the University of California at Berkeley. In 1962, Marvin began his career as a published research scientist and college professor at Radford College in Virginia, where he served as assistant dean, vice president and acting president.

He became the director of Virginia State Council of Higher Education in Richmond, Va., in 1970.

He moved to Charleston in 1977, and became the president of Eastern. Marvin became president of First National Bank of Mattoon in 1983. He served as president, CEO and chairman of the Board of Directors of First Mid-Illinois until 1999. He served on the corporate board of directors until his death.

The family requests memorial gifts be sent to the Eastern Illinois Foundation for WEIU-FM/TV at 600 Lincoln Avenue.

CAMPUS | FEATURE PHOTO



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Conductor Gary Jensen directs the Eastern Women's Chorus during the University Band and Chorus concert at McAfee Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

CAMPUS | ARTS

Tarble celebrates 25 years

Director of National Gallery of Art in D.C. keynote speaker

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the Tarble Arts Center have something in common.

They are both interested in teaching and educating others about art, said Earl Powell III, director of the National Gallery of Art in D.C.

Powell gave a lecture called "The Museum in the New Century - The Tarble at 25" to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Tarble Arts Center.

"Education is part of our core mission," Powell said. "We like to get involved with the public school systems."

The National Gallery offers programs to help the public learn more about the exhibits on display. It has 2,800 paintings and 3,500 sculptures of various styles, including folk and contemporary art.

Andrew Mellen created the



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Earl Powell III, director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., gives a keynote lecture at the Tarble Arts Center on Tuesday.

National Gallery, Powell said.

Mellen felt America lacked a national gallery because, although there were museums, there were no galleries, Powell said.

Mellen used his personal collection to start the National Gallery,

which was one of the best collections at the time, Powell said.

Mellen wanted the gallery to be free to the public and governed by a board of trustees.

"This governing board is still used today," Powell said.

The gallery also is involved with lending its collections to other places.

"The gallery is owned by the nation in a sense," Powell said. "We want it to be taken advantage of for this reason."

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, was a graduate student at University of Texas at Austin when Powell was a professor there.

Watts said Tarble has some of the same objectives as the National Gallery.

"It's the same underlying philosophies for both the Tarble and the National Gallery," Watts said.

But there is only one slight difference.

"We look for different ways to attract students," Watts said.

Ashley Mefford can be reached at 581-7942 or at almefford@eiu.edu.

CAMPUS | PROGRAMS

Eastern students cross state lines

Messer visits National Student Exchange conference to place Eastern students

By Brittni Garcia
Faculty Senate Reporter

Some Eastern students will attend other schools in the fall.

In March, Margaret Messer, co-coordinator of the National Student Exchange program, went to the National Student Exchange placement conference in Minneapolis to place students in host universities.

The National Student Exchange is a program for undergraduate students to exchange universities within the nation and Canada.

Messer said the program is an opportunity for students to be able to visit other universities in other geographic areas with different cul-

ture experiences within the U.S., as well as additional educational opportunities.

"It allows us to be nationally on front with other schools that are exchanging students, so it gets our name out there on a national level," Messer said.

"But it also gets our students to experience educational opportunities in other universities."

Instead of studying overseas, NSE students can cross state lines to experience academic, social and cultural opportunities in one of 200 locations.

Bradley Hill, a junior industrial technology major, was the first student to come to Eastern through the program.

Hill came from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

He found out about the program through a friend who was going to another university.

Hill said he has experienced great

opportunities both academically and socially. He is a former member of the Eastern men's rugby team and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

"My school back home has over 30,000 people, and it is hard to make friends," Hill said. "Here, it's fast to make friends because you see the same students over and over."

Kaylee Babbs, a freshman French major, attended Universite de Sherbrooke in Sherbrooke, Quebec, for the Fall 2008 semester.

It was her first-choice school because it is a French-speaking university with a French as a second language program.

"I have always had a passion for foreign languages," Babbs said. "Anything that can help me learn more about another culture and language is something I love doing."

Brittini Garcia can be reached at bmgarcia@eiu.edu or at 581-7942.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Staff Senate elections take place today

Elections for Staff Senate are today. The polling area is outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore.

Staff can vote between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Jason Mraz concert tickets still on sale

Tickets for the Friday concert at Lantz Arena featuring singer Jason Mraz are on sale.

Cost of tickets are \$13 for the public and \$10 for Eastern students. Mraz's performance is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and features opening acts Bushwalla and magician Justin Kredible.

For tickets, call 581-5122 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., through Friday.

Rings of Saturn viewable at observatory

The Eastern physics observatory will allow visitors to view Saturn at 9 p.m. Friday.

The facility houses a 16-inch computer-controlled telescope.

The observatory is between O'Brien Stadium and the intramural softball fields. Parking is available in the W lot near Wesley United Methodist Church.

Contact the physics department at 581-3220 for more information.

Mobile mammography van on campus Friday

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center mobile mammography van is coming to campus Friday.

The van will be on Campus Drive between the Alumni Quad and Lumpkin Hall. Women more than 35 years old who have not had a mammogram in the past year and one day can use the service.

Most health insurance plans are accepted, but those with Health Alliance should contact the company to determine out-of-pocket expenses.

Walk-in are available, but appointments are preferred.

Call (800) 639-5929 to schedule an appointment.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

CORRECTION

Eastern junior jumper Jenna Uhe was misidentified on Page 11 of Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The total number of ballots cast in the Student Government Elections was incorrectly reported on Page 5 of April 17's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. The total number of ballots cast was 1,088.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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Letter to the editor

PICTURES CAN SAVE LIVES

A picture can be worth a thousand words, or even more. It might even help save lives. Water-borne illness is a leading cause of death in developing countries. A child dies every 15 seconds because of unclean water.

This week, Eastern President Bill Perry is lending his time to make a difference. You can have your picture taken with the president for a small donation. The proceeds will go toward the Clean Water El Salvador project to provide sustainable bio-sand water filters. This semester, Baptist Campus Ministries has been partnering with campus organizations to help save lives by raising funds for bio-sand filters.

The sociology club, several professors, Christian Campus House’s H2O project, local churches and many students have offered their support. The needs around us are many and some might think greater than the resources at our disposal.

But for the small sum of \$30, a water filter can be installed that can provide almost 100 gallons of clean water a day. Providing clean water is just one way that we can make a difference, and we don’t have to travel to another country with BCM, Christian Campus House or the Newman Center to have a profound impact there.

Something as simple as having your picture taken with President Perry can help save at least one child’s life. If you have the time, stop and get your picture taken, and you’ll help save lives and have a lasting reminder of a world in need and differences made.

Times and locations are 1:30–3 p.m. Today on the North Quad by the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, 2–3:30 p.m. Friday at Celebration on the Library Quad, or by the Union Food Court in case of rain.

Tim Boyce
Campus Minister BCM, President
Association of Campus Ministries

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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



The After Party

STAFF EDITORIAL

Take safety precautions every time

It’s dark out. Walking across campus may not take long. Even that 15-minute walk up to the Square is just a short jaunt.

What could possibly happen in those 15 minutes? Last Thursday, several males allegedly assaulted a female on Ninth Street at about 1:15 a.m. The woman is an Eastern student. She could have been anyone.

Ninth Street could be better lit.

The university could put more emergency dispatch phones around town.

But nothing would keep students safer than simply walking with someone familiar after dark. It’s especially important when alcohol is involved. According to the National Crime Prevention Council, “two-thirds of the violent incidents involving alcohol occur at night, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 3 a.m., with 10 percent occurring between 11 p.m. and midnight.”

The U.S. Department of Justice said in 2002 an estimated 31 percent of victims attacked by strangers perceived their attackers to be under the influence of alcohol.

If you’re stranded uptown, unaccompanied and without a ride, you should try to catch the Panther Express home instead of walking by yourself. It’s scheduled to stop at the Square every 20 minutes between 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays and between 12 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. And it’s free.

Overall, in Illinois the crime rate index has fallen nearly 70 percent since 1994. This includes a whole spectrum of crimes, ranging from murder, sexual assault and robbery all the way to

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Crimes happen on or around campus every year – most recently, last week.
- **Stance:** There are ways to prevent yourself from being a victim. Walking with someone familiar and trustworthy at night could help.

assault and battery and arson.

According to an InsideHigherEd.com report, campus crime rates in the United States have fallen 9 percent for violent crimes and almost 30 percent for property crimes at four-year institutions. However, whether we’re on or off campus at night, it’s always a good idea to carry a cell phone. But it’s an even better idea to have someone with you.

Last year, the University Police Department recorded only two counts of aggravated assault, one count of aggravated battery and one count of criminal sexual assault.

The numbers are fortunately low, but it’s still evident that these things do occur on and around campus. They can happen to anyone who is simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The UPD offers Rape Aggression Defense, a class for women only who want to learn ways to defend themselves, at the Student Recreation Center. Women can go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~police> to fill out a R.A.D. form, or call (217) 581-3213 for more information about the class.

No one knows when a violent attack might happen. That’s why walking along with someone you know and trust when it’s dark is always, without exception, a bright idea.

of location and service, the roles of participants remain close to the same.”

The mindset that employees of the university simply provide a service to its paying student customers, with roles completely governed by the free market system, is alarming, widespread and often goes unchallenged. This same argument can be (and has been) used to argue for a passing grade, a diploma and so on: the customers paid their money.

The university and its employees do not provide a consumable good or material product, but serves as a unique environment where students are afforded the opportunity to acquire the intellectual and social skills to thrive in modern society. That, alone, is a really good deal.

Jonathan Blitz
Professor of chemistry

ing lots. Instead of continuing your mantra for more parking like it is some sort of entitlement for being a part of the EIU community, why not encourage folks to walk or ride bikes to campus?

With fuel prices continuing to rise and environmental quality continuing to decline, reminding your readers about healthy, cost-effective modes of transportation would seem to be a sounder editorial stance.

Stephen J. Mullin, Ph.D.
Associate professor of biological sciences

Letters to the editor

OPPORTUNITY, NOT OBLIGATION

The Monday staff editorial on parking argues that upperclassmen should be allowed to park in faculty/staff spots. While I oppose this, my deepest opposition is reserved for some of the stated rationale. The most offensive portion of the editorial board’s position is stated as follows: “Eastern is a university where students pay to come for education, and faculty members are paid to educate. An analogy of a restaurant comes to mind in this case: if the wait staff of a restaurant all parked in front of the building, and the patron was forced to walk from a distance, this would discourage patrons from going to the establishment.”

“Although the context is different in terms

A MISLEADING ISSUE

Monday’s edition of *Daily Eastern News* provided a mixed message. Whereas a front-page article (“Walking to Remember”) extols the benefits of walking, including raising awareness for cancer victims, an editorial piece (“No more gambling on finding that parking spot”) does exactly the opposite.

This campus has far greater problems with its infrastructure (e.g., a steam plant barely running on 1920’s technology) than a paucity of park-



CONTINUE THE DEBATE ONLINE
Visit DENnews.com to read Dylan Divit’s blog, “Those summer blockbusters.”



“‘Indiana Jones’ opens May 22 – the long-awaited fourth adventure. Let’s see how many jokes will be made about Harrison Ford’s age.”

–Dylan Divit



JOHN STROMSKI

Guilt-driven
sincerity

Throughout my years here at Eastern, I have seen more and more people voicing their beliefs, trying to start some form of activism or to change views that the majority of society may share.

I am not trying to bash these forms of protest; indeed, I advocate them and think they can be effective if used correctly, as they have done on numerous occasions far back in the world’s history.

However, there are a few issues I have with the type of protests that exist here on campus.

For starters, I’ll reference a protest that I have seen several times across campus: the anti-war protest or demonstration, or something along those lines.

I am, by no means, an advocate of the war, but how is waving a sign at me and yelling one-liners as I’m cruising down Lincoln Avenue going to cause some sort of political change?

There is the argument that they are creating awareness. Although I am somewhat politically deaf, I think it is impossible for someone to not be aware of the war.

It has been and is continuously affecting all of us.

I don’t need to be reminded of it.

I think instead of doing these protests, it would be much more effective to write some sort of letter, start some form of petition or to attend some sort of governmental meeting.

I’m just throwing ideas out here – none of them may even have the potential for working, but it seems they would be a more worthwhile line of pursuit than telling average citizens they need to end the war.

But what irritates me most is trying to guilt somebody into holding the same beliefs you have.

What I am talking about is the guy who stands outside Mary J. Booth Library and hands out pamphlets to you while telling you, deceptively politely, to “Help End Violence.”

Well, when you say it like that, of course I’d like to help end violence! I don’t like violence either. What can I do to help?

And then you open the pamphlet and inside are pictures of animals, which you really could do without seeing.

Under the façade of promoting vegetarianism, the pamphlet is instead trying to shock and guilt you to make you feel like a cruel and violent human being and persuade you to become a vegetarian.

All of the potential merits or benefits of vegetarianism become replaced with the declaration that “You are cruel and evil, so change.”

It sounds more like a religious preach than a personal belief.

I feel I have to write a disclaimer. I don’t hate vegetarianism. I am not a fan of violence.

I wish this war was finished. However, my point is that there are much more effective ways to bring about these changes.

There are ways which don’t insult people or guilt them into believing as you do and ways which don’t remind people of their insignificance. There are ways that have more potential.

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» Home rule

FROM PAGE 1

Wilber is not alone in his opinion.

Former student member William Dougherty called the possible change to home rule “a wise idea” for the community.

He said the benefits of such a change for students and community members would probably outweigh the drawbacks.

Dougherty, who represented off-campus students last year, said he, along with many other students, lives in apartments in Charleston that need repair.

He said many students who live off-campus would benefit from the change because of the freedom it would give city officials in performing building code inspections.

Dougherty said the business community of Charleston might also benefit from home rule because of the control the city government would have over taxes and land.

He said it might even bring in new businesses that would allow students more ways to spend their time in Charleston.

“Besides the obvious business benefits, I think it would be good for students to get behind (home rule),” he said.

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» Turning Point

FROM PAGE 1

The senate worked on a motion to make emerging technology distribution through Textbook Rental.

The motion will be sent to Textbook Rental, Eastern President Bill Perry and Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, in the future.

Alison Kostelich, non-voting student member, said she was concerned with not knowing if her classes will use Turning Point.

“I’m worried if a student will know if their classes will have to use it prior to taking the class,” Kostelich said.

JOHN HENRY POMMIER | FACULTY SENATE MEMBER

“I would think it would be a good asset, but I’m concerned to have all the faculty participate because it wouldn’t be worth it if they all didn’t use it.”

Stowell said this program benefits both the students and professors because it shows where students are with the material and what material professors need to elaborate on.

“I would think it would be a good asset, but I’m concerned to have all the faculty participate

because it wouldn’t be worth it if they all didn’t use it,” said senate member John Henry Pommier.

Stowell said Turning Point is not only used in higher education, but also in elementary school because his son in third grade uses it.

This program will benefit ele-

mentary education majors, he added.

To anticipate the demand of this program, the subcommittee sent out a survey to the faculty to find out their interest in using Turning Point.

The survey will be circulated throughout the next three to four weeks.

In other business, the executive positions were selected.

Starting in June, Jeanne Snyder will be chairwoman of the senate, John Henry Pommier will be vice chair and John Stimac will be the recorder.

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» Election

FROM PAGE 1

More than 80 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places said the nation was already in a recession.

Clinton won, despite being outspent heavily by her rival in a six-week campaign that allowed time for intense courtship of the voters.

She showed her blue collar bona fides one night by knocking down a shot of whiskey, then taking a mug of beer as a chaser. Obama went bowling in his attempt to win over working-class voters.

The win gave Clinton a strong

record in the big states as she attempts to persuade convention superdelegates to look past Obama’s delegate advantage and his lead in the popular vote in picking a nominee. She had previously won primaries in Texas, California, Ohio and her home state of New York, while Obama won his home state of Illinois.

At the same time, even some of her aides conceded she is facing another likely must-win challenge in Indiana in two weeks time, particularly with Obama favored to carry North Carolina on the same day.

Clinton gained at least 28 delegates with her victory, with another 130 still to be awarded.

That left Obama with an overall lead of 1648.5 to 1537.5, totals that include the superdelegates not picked in primaries and caucuses.

Clinton projected confidence to the end of the Pennsylvania campaign, scheduling an election-night rally in Philadelphia. Obama signaled he expected to lose, flying off to Indiana for an evening appearance even before the polls closed.

Flush with cash, Obama reported spending \$11.2 million on television in the state, more than any place else. That compared with \$4.8 million for Clinton.

The tone of the campaign was increasingly personal – to the delight of Republicans and John McCain,

the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting gaining in the polls while the Democrats battle in primaries deep into the spring.

“In the last 10 years Barack Obama has taken almost \$2 million from lobbyists, corporations and PACs. The head of his New Hampshire campaign is a drug company lobbyist, in Indiana an energy lobbyist, a casino lobbyist in Nevada,” said a Clinton commercial.

Obama responded with an ad that accused Clinton of “eleventh-hour smears paid for by lobbyist money.” It said that unlike his rival, he “doesn’t take money from special interest PACs or Washington lobbyists – not one dime.”

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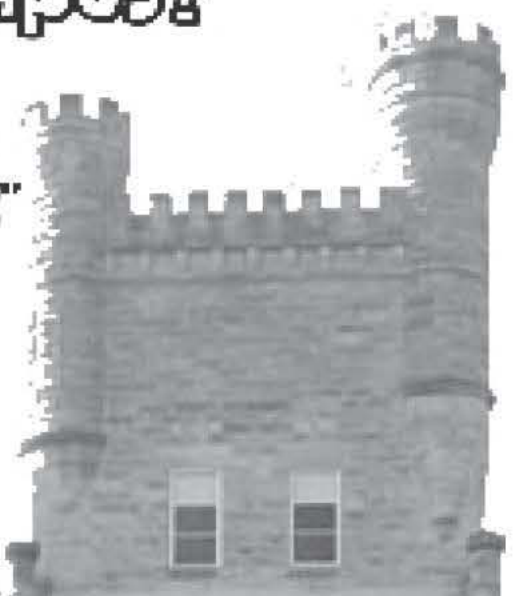
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Writing portfolio deadline passes, but papers still being accepted

The official deadline for turning in senior seminar papers to the Electronic Writing Portfolio has passed, but papers are still being accepted.

Seniors have to submit one of their papers from their senior seminar classes to their Electronic Writing Portfolio to receive their degree.

"They can walk in commencement, but all graduation requirements must be met for students to receive the degree," said Karla Sanders, part of the committee that oversees the assessment of student learning.

The deadline for papers was April 4.

It is suggested that students submit EWP papers three weeks before the end of the semester to help certification officers verify that all requirements are met.

"However, the EWP office continues to take submissions from any student during our regular office hours," Sanders said.

Starting Fall 2008, students will only be able to submit papers from courses they are currently enrolled in, and they will not be allowed to go back a semester to submit something.

"Turning papers in has less to do with their academic rank than the courses they are taking," Sanders said.

Some students complete their EWP before their senior year and some during it, she said.

"It really depends on when they take the senior seminar course," Sanders said.

Students will not receive a degree if they do not complete the requirements of the EWP.

"Writing effectively is one of the four undergraduate learning goals," Sanders said.

Senior seminars are writing intensive

courses that a student takes in their final year of college.

"The whole senior seminar thing requires that they turn in a paper and then professors make corrections," said Craig Eckert, psychology professor.

Once the student has made the corrections, professors need to sign the EWP form that confirms the student met the expectations of the final draft.

Eckert teaches two senior seminar classes: Social Movements and Crowds and Violence, which are on-campus and off-campus courses.

"If you are dealing with an off-campus class, you deal mostly with mail and Internet and have to have some flexibility with meeting these deadlines," he said.

If a teacher takes their classes seriously, they do want to spend a lot of time looking at the students' papers, Eckert said.

"You don't want to rush these things," he said. "I think the people at Ninth Street Hall understand that not all students in senior seminars get things back as quickly as they would want to."

Twenty try out for Eastern's Pink Panthers dance team

Some Panthers exchanged their trademark blue for a little pink this weekend.

About 20 women who will attend Eastern next fall gathered at Lantz Arena to try out for the Pink Panthers.

Brittany Chionis, a freshman special education and elementary education major, tried out for the dance squad Saturday.

She said she tried out for the team this year because she couldn't imagine what it would be like not dancing for the Panthers.

"Last year's team is like a real family. Everybody worked together," she said. "I know this year's group of girls will be as good as last's."

Gina Geraci, a freshman marketing major, agreed.

"The team is sometimes stressful and it is a lot of commitment, but it is worth it," she said.

Geraci has danced for 16 years.

She visited for a Debut Day and decided to study at Eastern because of the dance program.

The chosen women will perform as part of the Pink Panthers at football and basketball games.

"We need girls who are versatile dancers who also like the game-day experience and the thrill of competition," said Lisa Dallas, head coach for the Pink Panthers.

That is especially needed for fall, as the team will make its first attempt at the nationals competition.

Paige Cavalieri, a sophomore Spanish major with teacher certification, wants to make the team for another year.

"I have never been more excited to try out," she said. "If we make it to nationals, I will be a part of a new tradition."

The women who make the cut for the team will learn new and more complicated routines to make it to nationals competition.

"All the Pink Panthers act as ambassadors for the university, and they will certainly be making a neat journey filled with memories and surprises along the way," Dallas said.

— Compiled by RHA Reporter Heather Holm and Staff Reporter Holly Waxler.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Learning by teaching

By Erin Clemons
Staff Reporter

An effective way to learn an Asian language is by teaching English abroad.

Journalism professor Eunseong Kim said by tutoring abroad, students are immersed in culture.

Kim, a native of South Korea, was one of the panelists featured during the "Teaching English in Asia" panel discussion Tuesday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Teaching an English class in China, Japan or South Korea is a win-win situation for students, Kim said. English speakers gain valuable teaching experience and get exposed to another language — and can earn up to \$2,500 per month.

Other panelists included David Smith of the history department and Steve Gump, a University of Illinois graduate student who was an assistant language teacher in Japan. Gump encouraged students at the panel to pursue any opportunity to teach English abroad and said it is ideal for students who have no specific plan after they graduate from college.

Students simply need to be a native speaker of the English language and have a bachelor's degree to qualify to teach English in Asia, he said.

Senior history major Matt Binder, who attended the panel, will teach history in China for two months. Binder said his decision to teach abroad was based on his love for traveling and his desire to earn valuable experience.

Eastern journalism graduate Tim Martin, who is currently teaching English in South Korea, sent an e-mail that was read at the panel, discussing his experience. He was offered the position upon posting his résumé online.

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Medical coverage an issue in higher education

Health insurance cheapest in state

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

Lennie Heddins said Eastern's student health insurance plan is the cheapest coverage offered by any university in the state.

Heddins, student health insurance supervisor, said Student Government votes on the student insurance fee for each semester.

The student insurance fee for Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 is \$109.95. Coverage during the summer is \$87.45, Heddins said.

"We are a smaller campus, so that's part of it," Heddins said. "SIU has a bigger campus and the amount they

will cover is higher, but so is the cost to students."

Students at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will pay a \$181 student medical benefit fee starting in the fall, according to SIU's public relations Web site.

A report released by the United States Government Accountability Office in March found that most student health insurance plans range in cost from \$30 to \$2,400 and vary in the amount and types of coverage.

The report stated many schools work with their campus health centers to help keep costs down. Heddins said Eastern's student insurance plan allows students to go to any physician in the country but does not cover preventative services or prescription benefits.

All students taking nine or more

credit hours at Eastern are required to have some type of medical insurance, she said.

Students taking nine or more credit hours are provided with the student health insurance plan and are automatically billed the fee along with their tuition and fees.

Insurance can be purchased by Eastern students taking 6, 7 or 8 credit hours. Those who have equal or better insurance can fill out a waiver to be exempt from the fee.

The Government Accountability Office's report also found that 67 percent of college students receive health insurance through employer-sponsored plans. These plans cover employees and dependents.

Although many students are covered under their parents' health insur-

ance, Heddins said it is a good idea for students to pay for the student plan.

"Health insurance is a very costly industry," she said. "Their parents' plan might only pay for part of a hospital visit after the deductible is taken out, and having student health insurance can help pick up some of the slack so there is less out-of-pocket expense."

Heddins said the maximum payable benefit per diagnosis is \$15,000 at 80 percent. A \$50 deductible is taken out for each injury or illness per academic year.

The national benefit amounts range from \$2,500 to \$1 million, according to the report.

While many universities require full-time students to have some type of insurance coverage, the Government Accountability Office reports

that there are 1.7 million uninsured students.

Students who don't have coverage oftentimes have to deal with expensive medical bills.

Heddins said sometimes finding the money to pay for health care can be too much for uninsured students to deal with.

"If a student suffers some sort of illness or injury—whatever it may be—you'd be faced with catastrophic medical bills," Heddins said. "Chances are you're looking at dropping out of school, having to find employment to try and pay those medical expenses. Insurance coverage is almost like a peace of mind for students."

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NATION | ECONOMY

Gas prices rise further above \$3.50, while oil nears \$120

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gas and oil prices pushed further into record high territory Tuesday, with retail gas reaching a national average of \$3.51 for the first time and crude nearing \$120 as the dollar fell to a new low against the euro.

At the pump, the national average price of a gallon of regular gas rose 0.8 cent Tuesday to \$3.511, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices for diesel — used to transport most food, industrial and com-

mercial goods — also rose overnight to a new record of \$4.204 a gallon.

Gas prices are nearly 66 cents higher than last year, when they peaked at a then-record of \$3.23 in late May, and have prompted many analysts to raise their estimates of where gas is going to go.

"I wouldn't rule out the possibility that we could get to \$4," said Antoine Halff, an analyst at Newedge USA LLC.

Other analysts are less certain. Fred Rozell, retail pricing director at the Oil Price Information Service, thinks gas prices will rise only

another 10 cents to 20 cents nationally. That would mean they would peak near \$4.15 a gallon in California, where prices are typically highest, and around \$3.50 in New Jersey, where they're typically lowest.

Gas prices are rising for many reasons, including oil's record run. Light, sweet crude for May delivery rose to a new trading record of \$119.90 before retreating to settle up \$1.89 at a record \$119.37 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract expired after the Nymex closed, which contribut-

ed to its spike higher as investors scrambled to square bets. June crude futures, which now become the focus of trading, rose \$1.44 to settle at \$118.07 a barrel, nearly \$2 shy of the \$120 level.

On Capitol Hill, some lawmakers attempted to escalate scrutiny of oil and gas companies.

"People deserve a more scrupulous cop on the beat in these markets," said Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., who along with Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., called for the Justice Department to investigate possible market manipulation.

Meantime, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., praised the Bush administration's proposal to increase the average fuel economy for new cars and trucks to 31.6 miles per gallon by 2015.

Soaring gasoline prices show "that we have to move much more aggressively toward improving fuel efficiency and help bring relief to American consumers," she said in a statement.

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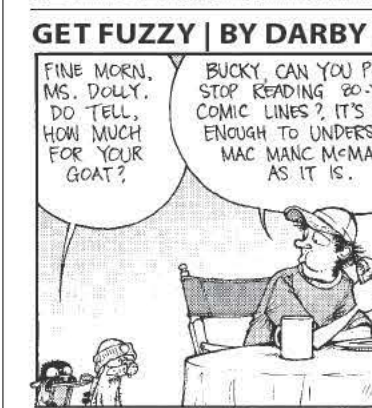
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TENNIS | SEASON RECAP

Men's team excels down the stretch

Vote leaves women's team on the outside looking in

By JC Clark
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams' seasons came down to tie-breakers.

Only the top six teams make the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The women's tennis team finished 13-7 overall and 5-5 in the OVC. That record earned Eastern a three-way tie for fifth in the conference. The ensuing coaches' vote to break the tie left Eastern out of the OVC Tournament, despite having a much stronger record than Tennessee-Martin (7-12) and Tennessee Tech (8-16).

The men's tennis team finished 13-9 and 6-3 in the OVC for a three-way tie for third in the conference, which was settled by the tournament seeds being drawn out of a hat.

Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn was less than satisfied with the result.

"I am disappointed the tie was broken by a subjective vote," Blackburn said.

Blackburn said the conference has since reviewed the tiebreaking procedures, and next year's first two tie-breakers will be based on head-to-head records and composite match score, respectively.

The men's team's third-place finish in the conference was its best since 2004 and best during Blackburn's



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern freshman Robert Stedman returns a volley in early April at Darling Courts. Stedman was one of three men's tennis players to earn conference honors. The men finished in a three-way tie for third in the conference.

three years as Eastern's coach.

"I'm proud of the fact that we played our best tennis in conference," Blackburn said.

The women's team started off hot only to be left out in the cold when the OVC Championships rolled around. The team was led by the strong play of senior Sandra Sasidharan, junior Natalie Martin and

senior Stephanie Harmazy, who combined for an overall singles record of 40-18. Martin finished the season with a 16-3 record and earned First Team All-OVC honors.

"I think Sandra and Natalie will go down as two of the greatest players Eastern has ever had — men or women," Blackburn said.

Martin said she enjoyed her time

playing for Eastern.

"It was an amazing experience to be able to compete for EIU," Martin said. "When I look back on it, I just smile."

Sasidharan said playing for Eastern was a learning experience.

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» Finishes

FROM PAGE 12

Imburgia was the Panthers low man after a first-round 76, but he could not continue the pace, shooting 80 on the second day and a 79 on Tuesday.

"After the first day, I did not have any momentum," Imburgia said. "My ball-striking (Tuesday) was the best of the tournament. Unfortunately, I had three three-putts early on the first three holes."

Imburgia said he was happy with his team's performance.

"I think a lot of us battled when teams got tough, and we continued to hang in there throughout," he said.

Freshman Francisco Cherizola finished with a score of 237. His low round of the tournament was a 77 on Monday.

Murray State sophomore Nick Newcomb won the tournament after shooting even par through three rounds. Newcomb moved up the leaderboard from a tie for fourth at the start of the final round.

Newcomb held off Eastern Kentucky senior Phil Hendrickson and Austin Peay senior Grant Leaver, both of whom finished one stroke behind with a three-day score of 217.

Dan Cusack can be reached at 581-7944 or at dscusack@eiu.edu.

EASTERN LEADERBOARD

Final Results		
Standing	Name	Score
T13.	Mi. Imburgia	229 (+13)
T22.	M. Bird	233 (+17)
T29.	Ma. Imburgia	235 (+19)
32.	F. Cherizola	237 (+21)
49.	R. Schone	260 (+44)

» Cusack

FROM PAGE 12

My first semester and first beat was the men's soccer team. I had never really been interested in the sport until I starting covered it.

The games were fast-paced and exciting. The crowd was into the game, thanks to the men of Sigma

Pi, and the athletes were talented and skilled. Suddenly, I looked forward to every home game, rain or shine, and cannot wait until the season begins again next fall.

During the winter I covered indoor track and field and helped out with covering the women's basketball team.

Track and field was another new experience for me, but I am glad

I had the opportunity to cover it. Meets were always exciting, and the talented roster of both the men's and women's teams always left me with a winner to talk with.

Covering the women's basketball team was something I did understand. I have followed basketball since I learned how to walk, and it still remains my favorite sport to watch live. I had the opportunity to

help cover the first Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game at Lantz Arena against Tennessee State, and that was one of the highlights of my year.

Even though a blanket of snow covered the campus, the gym was as full as I had ever seen it, and the atmosphere throughout the game was electric. The women's team willed themselves to victory that night, into

the next round and then eventually to the title game.

Although Eastern may not be considered a sports school, and athletics is not the first thing anyone thinks about when they hear about Charleston, sports are what I'll always remember about my freshman year.

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BASEBALL | NO. 10 MISSOURI 8, EASTERN 6

Panthers fall short

Team hits two home runs in road loss

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern senior first baseman Tristan Facer started the top of the ninth inning like junior second baseman Jordan Tokarz ended the first inning. With a solo home run.

Facer pulled a 0-2 fastball over the wall in right-center field to bring the Panthers within two runs, but Missouri junior closer Scooter Hicks got three straight-outs to secure the Tigers' 8-6 win Monday night in O'Fallon, Mo.

The Tigers (29-10) are ranked in the top 10 in three national polls.

"The home run in the ninth had to be 490 feet," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "It's one of the furthest balls I've seen hit and into a steady wind. Just an awesome display of power."

Eastern (18-19) battled back from a 7-1 deficit after Missouri chased the starting pitcher freshman Josh Mueller with two outs in the bottom of the first inning.

Mueller gave up all seven first-inning runs on four hits and four walks.

Schmitz said the home plate umpire's strike zone was tight, and Mueller (4-4) didn't get some of the calls he was used to getting.

"He wasn't getting pitches and, therefore, he was behind," Schmitz said. "Normally, he does a really, really good job if it's not a great inning of regrouping a little bit."

Eastern returns to action against Bradley with a 6 p.m. start at O'Brien Field in Peoria.

Scott Richey can be reached at 581-7944 or at srrichey@eiu.edu.

Tuesday's Game												
No. 10 Missouri 8, Eastern 6												
Inning by Inning										R	H	E
EIU (18-19)	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	9	2	
UM (29-10)	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	9	2	
WP: Zagone, R. (1-2) LP: Mueller, J. (4-4)												
E: Tokarz, J.; Mueller, J. -EIU. Gray, S.; Coleman, T. -UM. LOB: EIU 3; UM 9. 2B: Lindquist, R. -EIU. Priday, J.; Mach, K. -UM. 3B: Tokarz -EIU. HR: Tokarz; Facer, T. -EIU. Mach -UM. HPB: Nommensen, B. -EIU. SF: Kroke, J. -EIU.												
Note: Rastko, C. (EIU) reached on catcher's interference												
Key Inning: Bottom of the first												
Missouri scored seven runs in the inning on four hits and four walks off Eastern starting pitcher Josh Mueller.												

SOFTBALL | WEEKDAY RECAP

Team split extra-inning games

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern junior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby got out of a jam with the bases loaded and zero outs in the bottom of the seventh inning of the Panthers' second game against Ball State.

Eastern head softball coach Kim Schuette said she knew she could go to Jacoby (6-8).

However, she picked up the loss in the second game as the Cardinals won 3-2 in eight innings on Tuesday in Muncie, Ind.

Eastern (16-21) won the first game 3-2 in eight innings against the Cardinals (31-25). Eastern will play Southeast Missouri at 5 p.m. today at Williams Field.

Tuesday's First Game

Eastern 3, Ball State 2 (8 inn.)

Inning by Inning										R	H	E
EIU (16-20)	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3	3		
BSU (30-25)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	1		

WP: Jacoby, K. (6-7) LP: Garofano, T. (11-12)

E: Nelson, M.; Menzione, D.; Holtz, K. -EIU. Wilczynski, K. -BSU. LOB: EIU 3; BSU 4. 2B: Gross, A. -BSU. HR: Mackie, R. -EIU. SH: Nalle, A. -EIU. Pennock, A. -BSU. SF: Bartley, A. -BSU. SB: Nelson 2 -EIU. Collins, A. -BSU.

Key Inning: Top of the eighth
Eastern freshman Kirstin Gee pinch ran for freshman third baseman Kiley Holtz and scored the game-winning run on an error by Ball State's third baseman.

Tuesday's Second Game

Ball State 3, Eastern 2 (8 inn.)

Inning by Inning										R	H	E
EIU (16-21)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	0		
BSU (31-25)	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	7	0		

WP: Millian, E. (15-10) LP: Jacoby, K. (6-8)

DP: EIU 1. LOB: EIU 6; BSU 6. 2B: Holtz, K.; Mackie, K. -EIU. Pick, A. -BSU. SH: Menzione, D.; Jackson, M. 2 -EIU. SB: Nelson, M.; Mackie, R.; Coppert, S.; Rozanski.

Key Inning: Bottom of the eighth
Freshman rightfielder Allyssa Collins singled to give the Cardinals the win.

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Injury

FROM PAGE 12

He ranks third all-time in Eastern program history for assists (24). During his senior season, he was the best in the MVC in assists (12) and points (28).

Junior forward Brad Peters said he expected Galeski to be a leader.

"My freshman year people looked up to him and trusted him, so I expected Mick to be captain," Peters said.

Sophomore Darby Kehoe said Galeski would do anything on the field and led the team by example.

"He knows how to motivate players on and off the field," Kehoe said. "He is the ultimate performer on and off the field, and he knows what to say to players to motivate them."

Senior midfielder Brad Earl said Galeski made a huge improvement in his offensive game during his senior season.

"This year he really took his offensive game to the next level," Earl said. "He has always been solid on the defensive end because he works so hard."

Galeski, a two-year captain and two-time member of the MVC First-Team, learned his strengths on the field from a soccer-devoted family in Blackburn.

"My dad is the biggest soccer fan I have ever seen," Galeski said. "He'll just sit in front of the TV and yell at the TV when his team's not even playing. He played a lot when he was younger, and he is always telling me how fast he was and how much he'd beat me up if he played with me."

Galeski joined his first club team at 9 years old.

"The local team was (under-11), so I was basically the youngest person in the league," he said. "That year I got Player of the Year, and that's when my dad realized I was pretty good and started pushing me a little harder."

Galeski played for a number of club and professional teams during his high school years in England. He played for the Boys-Club State Academy team in England and was given a pro contract with Burnley Football Club.

"When I started at 9 they kept

GALEKI'S STATS:

Year	GP	GS	SOG	G	A	Pts.	GWG
2007	21	21	28	8	12	28	1
2006	20	20	30	4	7	15	3
2005	16	16	5	1	3	5	1
2004	12	11	9	1	2	4	0
Total	69	68	72	14	24	52	5

ONLINE VIDEO

• See dennews.com for a video with *The Daily Eastern News'* Male Athlete of the Year Mick Galeski.

FORMER MALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

2007: Vincent Webb (Football)
2006: Clint Sellers (Football)
2005: Aaron Grobengeiser (Track)
2004: C.J. Weber (Tennis)
2003: Henry Domercant (Basketball)
2002: Tony Romo (Football)
2001: Kyle Hill (Basketball)

tabs and when I moved to Clivero, Burnley asked me to come along for tryouts," he said. "Usually they sign the kids at that age to a year contract every year. I went for a tryout for I think about five or six weeks and ended up signing a two-year contract, which they actually renewed after my first year for another two years so it was basically four years."

The accident prevented Galeski from fulfilling the entire contract, but before that he knew he wanted to play soccer in the United States.

"I knew a couple of players that came over here, and I knew I wanted to get a degree as well as play," Galeski said. "It is kind of hard to do that in England because they don't have the same setup."

Galeski was offered scholarships from schools in New York, New Mexico and a couple Division II schools but signed with Eastern after his first meeting with Howarth.

Galeski said the fact Howarth, who is also from England, had gone through the experience he was about to go through was important in his decision.

"I figured it was a good fit," Galeski said. "I figured if there's a guy that's going to look after me, it should be a guy that had been through the same thing."

Howarth said he first saw Galeski on tape and never got to see him play in person. But that didn't mean Howarth couldn't tell Galeski was a special player.

Galeski came to the United States and said he was a little homesick at first, but his teammates helped him make the adjustment.

"Not seeing your parents every day sucked," Galeski said. "Not

being able to see them, and I had to buy phone cards and catch them at the right time, that kind of sucked. Other than that, I was just concentrating on playing. I really wanted to make it work. I was homesick and I missed my parents, but I wanted to make it work. I knew this was going to give me a good life, so I just buckled down and went through it."

Galeski said he was proud he helped turn the program around.

"I am very proud the team did unbelievable," Galeski said. "I am happy for Coach (Howarth) and (assistant coach Dino Raso). "They put in a lot of work, and it wasn't just a one-year thing. I think we finally made the MVC teams look at us. There were a few that looked at us and thought we were a good team. I think now everyone is going to look next year; they should definitely be top three in the preseason. I am just glad the seniors, me, (Earl), Jeremy (Maubach) could put a stamp on the program and leave on a high."

Galeski said he will play for the Colorado Rapids reserves (in Major League Soccer) this summer, but will student teach in Mattoon during the fall semester.

Galeski said he hopes to earn his master's in education and wants to coach college soccer after earning his degree.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Jeff Rutherford

Eastern sophomore Jeff Rutherford (above) led the Eastern men's tennis team to a third-place, regular-season finish in the Ohio Valley Conference. Rutherford went 13-9 and 7-2 in OVC play playing mostly at No. 1 singles. The Richmond, Ky., native has gone 28-14 in the past two seasons.

Here are three other top returning players for the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams:

1. Jordan Nestrud — The junior from Morton earned Second-Team All-OVC honors after he went 17-4 and 8-1 in conference play.

2. Robert Stedman — The freshman from Louisville, Ky., was the lone freshman in the league to earn conference honors. Stedman earned Second-Team All-OVC honors after he went 6-4 in OVC play at No. 3 singles. He finished 13-8 overall.

3. Hayley Homburg — The 2007 OVC Freshman of the Year struggled with injuries this past season. Homburg moved to No. 3 singles and went 9-9 and 3-5 in OVC play. But junior Natalie Martin and Homburg teamed up at No. 1 doubles to 10-5 and went 3-3 in conference play.

-Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

Finding Eastern athletics

When I arrived at Eastern last August, I didn't know what to expect.

I knew I wanted to work for the newspaper, and I knew I wanted to write for sports.

But I knew nothing about any of the Eastern sports teams.

The MLB, the NBA, the NFL and even Big Ten football had forever enthralled me — but I could not tell you the names of just two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

I had plenty of friends of relatives who went to Eastern and had never mentioned anything about sporting events.

However, some of my favorite moments from my first year in Charleston — which don't include the long nights with my friends — were at Eastern sporting events.

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | MICK GALESKI

Early injury doesn't end career

Senior restores tradition to program

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

Playing with pain is nothing new for Eastern's men soccer player Mick Galeski.

Galeski, a senior midfielder, was 15 years old when he fell through a bridge while riding his bike.

Galeski said he did not notice the hole in the bridge and fell 20 feet through a missing chunk of the bridge.

The fall left Galeski with a dislocated and fractured wrist and elbow and an injury to both of his kneecaps.

The doctors in Blackburn, England, told Galeski he would never play soccer again.

But the 2007-08 *The Daily Eastern News*' Male Athlete of the Year proved the doctors wrong.

Though the injury left Galeski in a cast for 18 months, forcing his longest period away from the field since he began playing the game at 3 years old, he said he knew he would play the game he loved again.

"My parents told me they don't know what it's going to be like in a couple of weeks time, so we went back to the doctor," Galeski said. "It was getting better, but he said, 'If you break it again, we might not be able to fix it.' But I looked at my parents and said, 'I'm playing.' I actually fell on it again during the game I got back and it started hurting, but I kept playing."

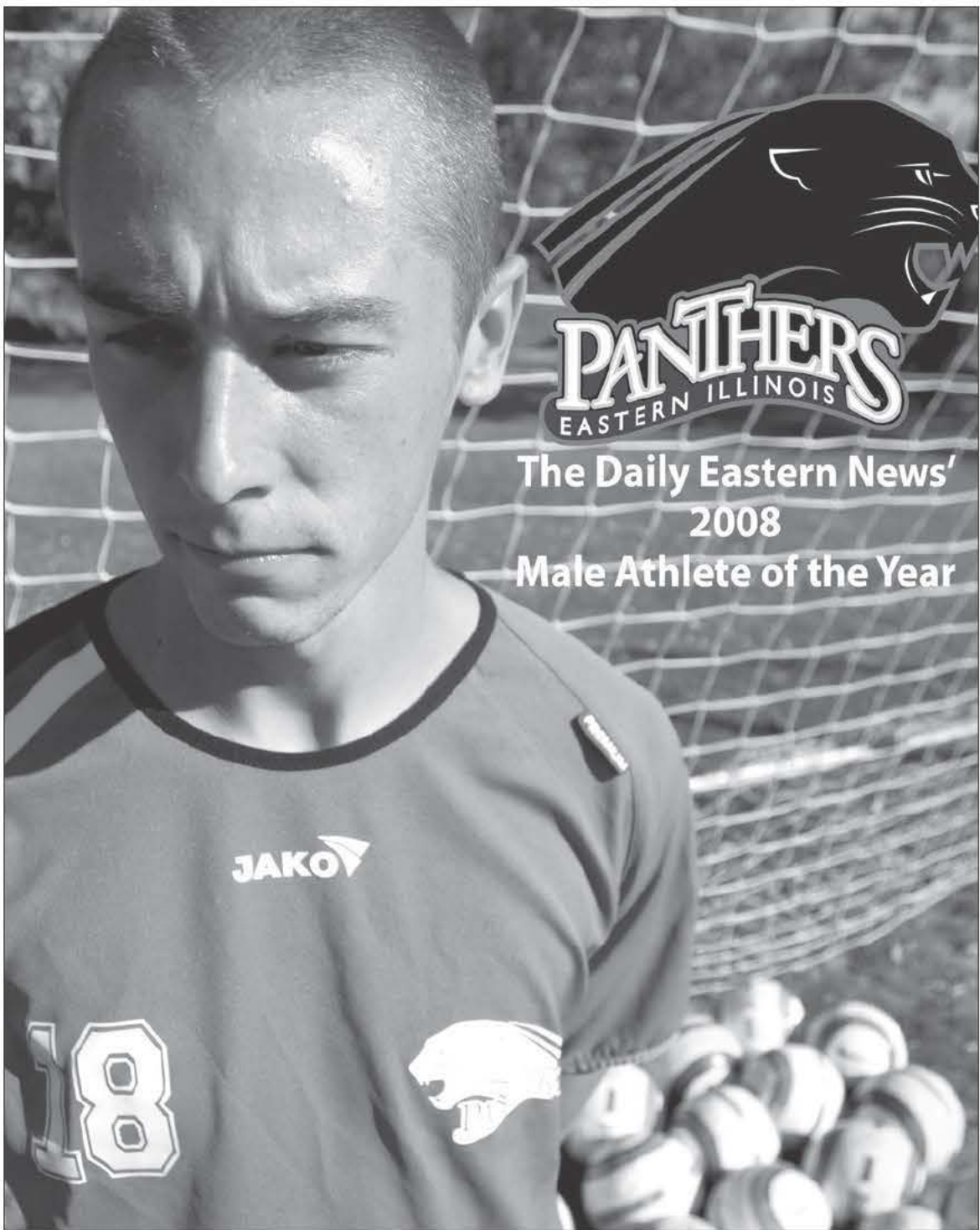
Eastern head men's soccer coach Adam Howarth said Galeski played through injuries throughout his career at Eastern.

"Mick at 50 percent is still better than most players," Howarth said.

Despite Galeski's skill, the Panthers struggled during his underclassmen years, with a 10-21-4 overall record and a 3-11-2 record in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Galeski said the team should have won more because the players were among the most talented teammates he had ever had played with.

"The team, we just didn't work together enough," Galeski said. "It wasn't Coach's fault. He prepared us



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Eastern senior midfielder Mick Galeski led the men's soccer team to Missouri Valley Conference Tournament semifinals for the second straight season. Galeski led the team and the Missouri Valley in assists.

the same way he does now. When we got out there, we just didn't perform. It was the same my sophomore year. We just didn't click as a team. Over the years, Coach got rid of the players that didn't fit and got ones that clicked."

As a team captain, Galeski helped the Panthers gel as a team. Eastern

won at least 11 games and made the semifinals of the MVC Tournament during Galeski's final two seasons with the Panthers.

Howarth said Galeski started taking a leadership role during his sophomore year.

"I think (because) he was so vocal his junior year was one of the

factors I named him captain," Howarth said. "He was the heart of the team even at that time. I knew he would be the person that would push us over the top."

Galeski did push the Panthers over the top on the field.

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MEN'S GOLF | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE UPDATE

Team finishes into tie for seventh place

Mike Imburgia falls outside top 10

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

Eastern men's golf team finished in a tie for seventh place out of 10 teams in the three-day Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

The Panthers shot a team total of 934 (+70), which tied them with Samford in seventh place. Eastern Kentucky won the event with a team score of 874 at the Paducah Country Club in Paducah, Ky.

The Panthers shot a 311 in the final round after shooting a 318 in the first round and a 305 in the sec-

ond round.

Senior Mike Imburgia was the best at the tournament for the Panthers, shooting a 229 (+13) — good enough for a tie for 13th place for the tournament.

Imburgia was eight over after the first round of the tournament, shooting an 80 on day one, but a fantastic effort in the second round with an even par 72 shot his name up the leaderboard.

Imburgia said he was happy with how he played in the tournament.

"Overall, I didn't play too bad," he said. "I wish I could have played a little better, but as far as that being the last tournament I'll ever play in college, I am content."

Eastern was too talented of a team

TEAM LEADERBOARD (Final Results)

School	Score
1. E. Kentucky	874 (+10)
2. Murray State	893 (+29)
3. Austin Peay	909 (+45)
4. Jacksonville State	918 (+54)
5. Tennessee Tech	922 (+58)
6. Tennessee-Martin	926 (+62)
7. Samford	934 (+70)
T7. E. Illinois	934 (+70)
9. Tennessee State	957 (+93)
10. Morehead State	976 (+112)

to be satisfied with a seventh place finish, Imburgia said.

"It was unfortunate that we were not able to have a tournament where all four guys were clicking at one time," he said.

Sophomore Matt Bird finished in a tie for 22nd place with his three-day score of 233, after shooting the Panther's lowest score on Tuesday with a 76.

"The last two rounds I played well," Bird said. "It was unfortunate because the first day I was hitting it everywhere. At least I played well enough the last two days to keep up."

Bird finished the final two days with rounds of 76 after shooting an 81 in the first round of the tournament. Senior Matt Imburgia finished in a tie for 29th place after he finished the tournament with a three-day score of 235.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL
Today vs. Southeast Missouri |
5 p.m. — Williams Field

BASEBALL
Today at Bradley |
6 p.m. — Peoria

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK
Friday at Drake Relays |
All Day — Des Moines, Iowa

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK
Friday at Stan Lyons Invitational |
All Day — Indianapolis

SOFTBALL
Saturday at Morehead State (DH) |
Noon — Morehead, Ky.