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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT | BUDGET

# Extra \$550 finds its way back

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

Money approved for the Winter Wonderland by the Apportionment Board will be returning to the reserve account.

Conflicting figures were presented for the Winter Wonderland resolution that will be voted on during the Student Senate meeting tonight.

Student Body President Cole Rogers gave AB a figure of \$9,915 during his Jan. 17 presentation, but he later gave the senate a proposed budget of \$9,365.

"When I found out, I was a bit panicked, but I felt better as soon as I realized it was for less money," said Leah Pietraszewski, AB chairwoman and student vice president for business affairs.

Rogers said a line item in his PowerPoint presentation was accidentally added twice and a correction was made before both presentations.

"I made the corrections before the AB meeting, but I must have brought up the wrong saved presentation to AB that night and that was my mistake, and I never even noticed it while I was giving the presentation to AB," Rogers said.

Pietraszewski said AB's budget tracking would not be affected because the senate controls the amount of money released by AB and the miscue would solve itself by authorizing the lower figure.

"It wasn't a real big issue," Pietraszewski said. "It was more like 'Oh no, we have to (somehow) go back and fix this.'"

"The bill that is being presented to senate is all the money that I need, and there will not be any changes made at the meeting, and the other \$550 will just roll back into the reserve account," Rogers said.

The senate will vote on the resolution today, after it passed AB 7-1 with two abstentions Jan. 17.

Rogers said he wants to create a tradition in which students can unite under festivities and become exposed to their student representation.

However, AB member Eric Wilber expressed concerns of Student Government competing with the University Board for extensive event programming.

He was one of the two members who abstained during the AB vote. AB member Ashley Nolan was the only vote against it.

"Don't get me wrong; the event was creative," Nolan said. "However, it lacked a justification of the Student Government's mission, which is clearly stated to 'maintain academic freedom, academic responsibility, student rights and to foster the recognition of the rights and responsibilities of students to the University and Community.'"

-Opinions Editor Nicole Weskerna contributed to this story.

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## STUDENT SENATE | ELECTIONS

# DOE pulls FutureGen support

Senator, Gov. accuse  
Secretary of Energy  
of 'deception'

By Marco Santana  
Staff Reporter

Sen. Dick Durbin on Tuesday accused Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman of misleading Illinois residents with regards to the FutureGen project.

Durbin, D-Ill., said Bodman created "false hope" and had "no intention of funding or supporting" the project once the FutureGen Alliance announced it wanted to build a single-location facility in Mattoon.

"In 25 years on Capitol Hill, I have never witnessed such a cruel deception," a statement from Durbin's office read. "For five years, the Department of Energy has urged our state and others to pursue, at great expense and sacrifice, this critically important energy project."

The statement followed a morning meeting with the secretary and members of an Illinois congressional delegation in which Bodman said the DOE would withdraw support of FutureGen's plan to build the \$1.8 billion, near-zero emissions, coal-powered energy plant on one site.

Other local and state politicians



PROVIDED BY FUTUREGEN ALLIANCE

The construction of the FutureGen plant had been planned for Mattoon. Now, the Department of Energy says that it intends to build the FutureGen program at multiple sites.

called the announcement "disturbing" and a "slap in the face."

Durbin said the delegation would approach President Bush directly in its attempt to bring FutureGen to Mattoon.

The meeting is expected to take place next week.

On Dec. 18, FutureGen Alliance chose Mattoon over three other sites.

One was in Tuscola and two in Texas - as the final site for its research facility.

A DOE letter in early-December urged the alliance to hold off on an announcement of a final site.

But FutureGen spokesperson Lawrence Pacheco said earlier this month it went forward with the announcement because of commitments it had with the competing sites.

Department spokesperson Julie Ruggiero said the Secretary of Energy had always held an open line of communication regarding a restructured project.

"Secretary Bodman has maintained a strong commitment to the FutureGen project since we announced the public-private cooperative agreement in 2005," she said.

Increased costs during the past five years required the reassessment of the project, she said, to deliver the "greatest technological benefits in the most cost-efficient manner."

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## CAMPUS | EVENTS

# Comedian battles racism

'Humor is my best  
language,' says  
Preacher Moss

By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

Racism affects everybody, Preacher Moss said.

Racism is why black people are not used in tanning salon commercials.

It is why people don't let Asians sing a Motown song during karaoke.

It is why people from the Middle East are not used as the voice for navigation systems.

It affects white people, too.

It is the reason why whites do not have their own month, like African-American Heritage Month or Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

Moss' "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour was featured Tuesday night in Lumpkin Auditorium as part of University Board's lecture series.

"Humor is my best language, and that's what I use," Moss said.

He said even if it is controversial, people have to be truthful.

Moss told students to take color pigment out of the picture.

He said to look at the person's core values instead of looking at skin color.

Moss told a story about a group of white senior women in a Subway restaurant that left after judging Moss and the manager.

The manager told Moss that he



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Preacher Moss speaks during his "End of Racism" comedy tour in Lumpkin Auditorium on Tuesday. Moss talked about issues of race while keeping things light by using comedy.

did not need the women's business.

He said he also did not need their attitude.

"They took a picture of you and I and didn't bother to investigate what was in the picture," the manager said.

Chris Kromphardt, junior political science major, said he had not heard much about Moss before the lecture but liked Moss' stories.

Moss had a lot of life experiences to draw from that everyone could relate to, said Kromphardt.

"We do all tend to have moments like that," Kromphardt said.

The audience laughed and chuckled throughout Moss' lecture.

"At least you laugh; it shows you have an open mind," Moss said after

one joke.

Ryan Kerch, junior biology major and UB lectures coordinator, said many comedians and lecturers come to campus, but it was nice to have someone who could combine both lecture and comedy.

Students are not just sitting and taking in information; they are also laughing and thinking, Kerch said.

"Everyone was laughing - that's always good with comedy," he said.

Kerch said Moss makes the subject of race relatable to everyone.

He said no matter what race a person is, Moss made the audience think about racial issues.

» SEE MOSS, PAGE 5

# Forum canceled

The candidate forum scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday sponsored by the Coles County League of Women Voters was canceled.

Icy conditions forced the cancellation of the forum at the Cross County Mall.

At least one of the candidates was in Springfield and could not make the forum in the conditions, said Corrine Joyner of the League of Women Voters.

"It's so close to Feb. 5, it would be difficult to reschedule," she said.

A forum will be scheduled for the fall elections Nov. 4.

-Compiled by City Editor Matt Hopf

## CONTESTED RACES

### » State's Attorney:

- Duane Deters (Republican)
- Steve Ferguson (Democratic)
- Paul Komada (Republican)
- Todd M. Reardon (Green)

### » Coroner:

- Mike Nichols (Democrat)
- Ed Schniers (Republican)
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- Jim Eads (Republican)
- Jim Gire (Republican)
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	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>  <p><b>28° 22°</b></p>

WEATHER BRIEF

The daytime high today will only be in the upper 20's. Tomorrow's daytime high will be warmer, but heavy snow will move into the area Thursday night and continue into the afternoon hours of Friday.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at [www.eiu.edu/~weather](http://www.eiu.edu/~weather)

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Actress Sean Young enters rehab after outburst

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sean Young has entered rehabilitation for alcohol abuse following a weekend outburst in which she was heckling from the audience at the Directors Guild of America awards.

The 48-year-old actress was escorted from the Hyatt Regency in Century City ballroom Saturday night after sparring with Julian Schnabel, who was nominated for "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly."

"Actress Sean Young voluntarily admitted herself yesterday to a rehabilitation center for treatment related to alcoholism," a statement from Insignia PR said Tuesday. "It is understood that Young has struggled against the disease for many years."

At the DGAs, all of the film nominees get a chance to say a few words before the top prize is announced.

Schnabel seemed moved by the occasion and was a bit slow to start, looking down at the podium and running his hands through his wild, curly hair.

That's when Young could be heard throughout the room urging him to get on with it. He suggested that she should finish his speech for him and started walking off the stage. Music began playing for his exit, but the audience urged him to stay and keep speaking, and he did.

Martie Maguire, Dixie Chick, expecting a child

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Martie Maguire of the Dixie Chicks and her husband, Gareth, are expecting a third daughter.

Maguire, 38, announced her pregnancy on the group's Web site Monday.

She wrote that her 3-year-old

twin daughters, Eva and Katie, "are very excited to have a new baby sister." She said the baby is due in late summer. The report was confirmed by the Chicks' publicist.

Mike Wallace recovers from heart surgery

NEW YORK — Mike Wallace was recovering from triple heart bypass surgery that was performed last week, CBS News said Tuesday.

Wallace, who turns 90 this spring, is already walking following the surgery Friday to bypass blockages near his heart. Doctors are calling the operation "a great success," the network said.

Recovery from heart bypass surgery generally runs about six weeks.

The veteran "60 Minutes" correspondent, who is essentially retired, recently interviewed Roger Clemens about allegations of steroid abuse.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

A strike-ing chance



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students partake in intramural bowling Monday night in the lanes below the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The Intramural Sports program offers students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to participate in structured team sports with sign-up available online.

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

A real 'sweet' room unveiled for Valentine's Day

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't lick the walls.

An all-chocolate room was unveiled in Manhattan on Tuesday — a pre-Valentine's Day creation complete with furniture and artwork made of the sweet stuff.

"It's the perfect bit of sin," said Ali Larter, star of TV's "Heroes," of the Godiva chocolate "pearls" that are her private daily indulgence.

Here, they were dripping off the chandeliers above the dining table, which was a sea of stars, truffles and crescents — all chocolate, of course, under glass.

Larter is the celebrity face hired by the Belgian chocolatier for its annual Valentine's Day promotion contest. This year, anyone who buys the winning box of chocolates — for \$23 and up — may win the chocolate room. It is to be re-created in a suite of Manhattan's Bryant Park Hotel for a pampered getaway weekend for two in May.

The winning box — sold only in North America — will contain a note informing the buyer of his or her

good luck.

While no doubt a shameless commercial promotion — created by Los Angeles designer Larry Abel — the demo chocolate room packs a tasteful, artsy punch.

Hanging in the living room was a painting built entirely of multicolored chocolate pieces inspired by Gustav Klimt's painting "The Kiss." Above the dining table was a "canvas" dripping with brown and white chocolate — a takeoff on Jackson Pollock's signature "drip" paintings.

And instead of words, books opened to a mound of chocolates. One can actually sit on the plush sofa, which was chocolate-graced only on its sides, and the walls are made of chocolate. There were a couple of "dons" in the room: lighting the fireplace (with its chocolate logs and mantle) and the candles (all chocolate).

In addition, sinking into the easy chairs was discouraged — unless you wanted to rise with a chocolate-covered derriere. An employee at the food co-op said it was the first such incident in memory.

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CAMPUS | GOVERNMENT

# Former opponents co-exist

## Two open seats remain on the Student Senate

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

Sarah Shaw and Keith Darby used to run against each other.

Now, they work together.

A Dec. 7 runoff election for Student Senate landed incumbent Shaw in the final at-large seat.

Darby was also appointed a senate member during Wednesday's meeting.

"It makes me feel more like a confident leader because now I get to work really hard in representing the students and continuing this tradition," Darby said.

Shaw and Darby tied with 115 votes in the Dec. 3 election.

Darby later lost the runoff election 55-29.

After losing, Darby applied to be appointed to the senate.

This was Darby's fourth time applying for in two years.

Tying for a final position is what gave him the extra push to get appointed, Darby said.

"I felt confident that I was going to get the position because other senators were hoping that I would get appointed," Darby said.

If Shaw lost, she also would have applied for an appointed senate member seat.

"If I lost, I would have come in for appointment, as well," Shaw said. "It wasn't a big deal; the (situation) never really crossed my mind."

Darby said his appointment must have been a difficult decision for Megan Ogulnick, Student Senate speaker, because she had good candidates apply for the positions.

Shaw said she believes Darby was appointed because of party affiliation.

"I figured once Megan (became) speaker of the senate, she would appoint (Darby) because of party affiliation," Shaw said. "I don't know



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Keith Darby is sworn into Student Senate during the Student Government meeting last Wednesday night in the Tuscola-Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The Dec. 7 runoff election landed incumbent Sarah Shaw in the final at-large seat.

if that was why he was appointed, but it wouldn't surprise me if that was the case."

Ogulnick denies the charge.

"The fact that he lost the runoff election had nothing to do with whether I would appoint him or not," Ogulnick said. "After holding his interview and discussing it with other senators, we felt his experience and enthusiasm would fit well on senate."

"His experience on the Apportionment Board will greatly impact

the Tuition and Fee Review Committee this semester."

Ogulnick said Shaw would have been appointed if she lost the runoff election.

"She brings an open mind and new ideas to senate, and if she had lost the runoff election, applied for appointment and other (senate members) agreed with me, I would have most likely appointed her," she said.

Darby is a member of the Student Tuition and Fee's Review Com-

### RESIGNATION

• Darby resigned from his positions on the Student Supreme Court and the Apportionment Board before the Dec. 3 regular election.

mittee. He said he thinks the committee should educate students about fee increases.

"My main purpose is to let the students know how the fee increases are going to affect them," Darby said. "If the students don't believe that it's necessary for an increase, then why should the Board of Trustees vote on it?"

Previously, Ogulnick said there were three senate member positions unfilled.

This is not the case.

Ogulnick admits to miscounting senate members; only two positions are available.

She said there were few applications submitted and she only wanted to appoint qualified candidates.

"Yes, there were applicants I was not able to appoint," Ogulnick said. "However, most students who apply for senate aren't doing it on a whim and are doing so because they are involved, active students who understand the importance of being a voice for the students."

Attitude and experience were qualities used as criteria, Ogulnick said.

"My reasons (for denying appointment) weren't complex," Ogulnick said. "I was looking for people with passion and dedication and, in some applicants, I just didn't see it."

She said experience could be positive and negative because certain applicants would have a fresh ideas and a clean slate, but other experienced candidates would take precedence.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Use technological skills for iLife competition

Students can make a three to five minute iMovie video using the iLife 2006 suite. Each team can have a minimum of two faculty and up to three students.

The video must have a theme of academic interest. Competitors must submit one DVD containing a raw iMovie file and another with the final presentation using iDVD. Finalists attend an awards ceremony in April. The deadline for registration is Friday.

Contact the CATS office at 581-8396 for more information.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

## BLOTTER

Jacob Alan Shrylock, 19, of Olney, was arrested 1:29 a.m. Jan. 12 at Second and Grant on the charge of driving under the influence.

McKenzie Coleman, 19, of Chicago, was arrested 2:53 a.m. Jan. 13 at Ninth and Lincoln on the charge of driving under the influence.

It was reported Jan. 15 personal property was stolen from an apartment in University Court during winter break.

It was reported Jan. 17 a bookbag with a laptop was stolen in McAfee. The bookbag was later found without a laptop.

It was reported Jan. 18 personal property was stolen from a Dodge Neon while it was parked in the W lot.

It was reported Jan. 18 a wallet was lost/stolen in Booth Library.

Bryan Murray, 20, Frankfurt, was arrested 1:58 a.m. Jan. 19 at Carman Hall on the charge of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Jarrett McDonald, 19, was arrested at 5:27 a.m. Jan. 20 at Ninth & Edgar on the charge of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

It was reported Sunday the glass panel on a fire alarm was broken on the third floor of Ringenberg Building in University Court.

## CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was incorrectly reported that Joe Mabus had spoken with members of Women's Studies and the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service about measures taken to ensure a situation like Jill Manges' does not happen again.

Neither group has taken measures on student mental health needs.

*The DEN regrets the error.*

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## MUSIC | OPEN MIC

# Electric violin plays like 'frustrated guitar'

## New sound featured tonight in first Open Mic Night of semester

By Jessica Leggin  
Staff Reporter

Tracy Silverman goes beyond classical music with his six-stringed violin.

"I play the instrument as a frustrated electric guitar," he said.

The six-string violin has the ability to strengthen its sound like a guitar.

Tonight at 7, Silverman will perform in the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at the first Open Mic Night of the semester.

Silverman studied the classical violin at the Juilliard School of Performing Arts in New York.

Silverman also studied at the Chicago Musical College.

"That was the only genre of music they taught with the violin then,"

### DID YOU KNOW?

• The British Broadcasting Company recognized Silverman as "the greatest living exponent of the electric violin".

Silverman said.

His parents enrolled him in violin lessons at an early age.

He has not put the violin down since.

"It is always fun to play the violin," Silverman said. "This instrument is pretty much new."

The violinist, composer, singer, teacher and songwriter said he looks forward to his performance tonight.

"It is fun to play at colleges," he said.

Silverman plans to entertain the crowd with a range of music from artists such as Led Zeppelin, Santana and Stevie Wonder.

Silverman said he finds his musical inspiration from the works of Miles Davis, Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles.

Despite being a full-time musi-

cian, Silverman also finds time to inspire other musicians.

He teaches at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

"I teach my students rock and jazz violin," Silverman said.

University Board Members decided to bring Silverman to Eastern after seeing his performance at the National Association for Campus Activities convention.

Matt Caponera, stage director for UB, thought Silverman was the most unique act.

"He was doing things on the violin that people would normally do on a guitar, he said.

Caponera said students should attend the event to see a rare breed of music.

"Rock violin is rarely heard of," he said. "He plays to perfection."

Jillian Staley, a graduate adviser to the UB, said she hopes there is a good turnout for the Open Mic event.

"This is not the normal acoustic guitar playing Open Mic night," Staley said.

Staley said there will be a relaxed setting for all attendees.

UB has ensured Silverman's needs are met.

"He was a real easy artist to take care of," Staley said.

Silverman only requested a few bottles of water and a dressing room.

"I was like, 'Are you sure you don't want anything else?'" Staley said. "Maybe some gum?"

Silverman focuses on his music, not the perks.

He said he takes pride in his work.

"If you want to make music your living, you have to love everything about it," he said. "This takes a lot more discipline than what people think."

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## A SWIFT REACTION TO CRISIS

U. Mississippi – The most astounding news last week left my lower jaw hanging agape and drool running down the side of my face. President Bush and Congress cooperated with each other.

With what can only be described as stellar swiftness, which no doubt left some Katrina victims ripping their hair out in frustration, our federal government responded to a crisis.

Granted, it was our economy, and by and large the biggest and most immediate victims of this crisis are our nation's wealthiest, but it goes to show that our elected officials can keep this plutocracy working.

Few things have been going well for the current White House, and in the 11th hour Bush has become dedicated to making up for his failures in order to instill a legacy for himself – e.g. the Middle East tour.

Bush fancies that he's a president who had to make the unpopular decisions, and that history will bare him out like a virtual Truman, never minding that the decisions he made were not only unpopular, but wrong.

Bush's economy, if we can give him ownership of it, would have most former and future presidents green with envy. That lone glittering accomplishment has now disappeared.

The sub-prime-lending problem and the housing market bursting like a dot-com bubble have precipitated mumbblings of a recession, which economists continue to nervously deny and laugh it off. It makes me giggle a little.

Democrats, however, need to tread cautiously here and not make a big issue of the slump. For the most part it's been an unprecedented period of growth and an occasional expected bump in the road was a long time coming.

Cameron Johnson  
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## Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't confuse Student Gov.  
with University Board

Winter Wonderland sounds like it would be a good time. Fire-eaters, sleigh rides, snow globes and even a heated tent.

But why is Student Government doing University Board's job instead of governing the student body?

When Student Government went before the Apportionment Board to approve Winter Wonderland, concerns were raised from a few AB members who thought a little differently than Student Body President Cole Rogers.

Student Government wants Winter Wonderland to bring unity to this campus, help usher the student body into the spring season and promote Student Government.

Sounds pretty harmless.

However, an event of this caliber demands money. Lots of it.

Student Government wants \$9,915 from AB to start a tradition like Panther Service Day, First Night and Pantherpalooza.

Members of the AB articulated their concerns, saying we already have a committee dedicated to forming events.

It's already UB's job to plan events like this. It's Student Government's job to govern students.

The bigger concern is about money.

AB member Ashley Nolan was the only member to vote against the project.

She saw problems with Student Government and its inability to give a justification as to why they are spending nearly \$10,000 of students' money.

When Student Government proposed Winter Wonderland before Faculty Senate, members stated their purposes were to "bring (a sense) of unity to campus" and "promote Student Government."

It's difficult to figure out how Student Government's mission could be fulfilled by an expensive event like Winter Wonderland.

Student Government's mission is to "maintain academic freedom, academic responsibility, student rights and to foster the recognition of the rights and responsibilities of students to the University and Community."

A late February sleigh ride will not help Student Government succeed in maintaining academic freedom and responsibility.

Snow globes will not promote academic responsibility any more than fire-eaters will help foster recognition of the rights and responsibilities of students.

Nolan thought Winter Wonderland would act more in the interests of Student Government than in the interests of the students.

The fire-eaters and sleigh rides alone will cost \$3,025.

How fire-eaters and homemade snow globes

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Student Government wants to start a school tradition, Winter Wonderland, to promote campus unity.

• **Stance:** We are concerned with not only the cost of the event, but how Student Government fails to justify the need for it.

will help further Student Government's mission on this campus is unclear.

Nolan suggested Student Government combine its efforts with UB to bring a "sense of unity" to campus, an idea she shares with fellow student AB member, Eric Wilber.

"If this had been coming from UB, I probably would have voted for it (to) see how it went for the first year," said Wilber, who had abstained from voting.

Wilber noted Student Government has had a problem with getting enough volunteers for its planned events.

UB, which already has a volunteer system in place, has no such problem.

Wilber worried Winter Wonderland would pose com-

petition for University Board.

One of the purposes of Winter Wonderland is to help promote Student Government.

There are cheaper ways to promote your cause.

Wilber suggests taping Student Government meetings for the WEIU television station.

"Other schools do this with their local access channels; so should we," he said.

Another way Student Government could promote itself could be to simply update the long-neglected Web site.

Under the "meet your senators" tab, the list of senators from the Fall 2006 semester is still up.

Student Government members, like Jillian Ruddy and Katie O'Grady, who are still listed on the site, are long gone.

"However many ways this money could've been spent, I couldn't see it as a fulfillment to the responsibilities entrusted to the Student Government – thus, I found it in the best interest of the students to vote no for this proposal," Nolan said.

If Student Government wants to promote itself, start small and cheap, by first updating the Student Government Web site.

Maybe bowling at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union lanes would be a cheaper way for students to get to know and interact with members of Student Government.

We don't think the proposed purpose of the Winter Wonderland will be fulfilled; plus, it's too expensive to brush off a debate about it.

Student Government members should leave planning the big projects up to UB and put their focus on what they've been elected by their student body to do: govern.



SCOTT A. MURRAY

The death of  
Suharto

On Sunday, former Indonesian president Suharto passed away at the age of 86. Human Rights Watch lamented his death, pointing out quite accurately that he was "another dictator who's lived out his life in luxury and escaped justice."

During his violent rise to power and subsequent three-decade reign, more than one million Indonesians were murdered in political purges.

Cameron Hume, the current U.S. ambassador to Indonesia, praised the late Suharto as a "historic figure" who helped the country "(achieve) remarkable economic and social development." Suharto's regime was regularly ranked as the most lethal and corrupt in the world.

On the occasion of his death, it is important we reflect on the role the United States played in Suharto's vicious rule. Long before President Bill Clinton called him "our kind of guy," American officials and the mass media lauded Suharto as a "moderate who is, at heart, benign," even as he was carrying out what the CIA deemed "one of the worst mass murders of the 20th century" that rivaled Mao, Stalin and Hitler.

The United States' blatant support of Suharto's maddening violence came in 1975, when Indonesia invaded a tiny agrarian country just north of Australia called East Timor.

This offensive was approved by President Gerald Ford, who, when visiting Indonesia with Henry Kissinger for a toast on the eve of the assault, asked that it be delayed until after they left. The Indonesians did delay the invasion – by a few hours.

The siege of East Timor was extremely brutal. By the time the invasion had ended, nearly 200,000 East Timorese – one-third of the nation's population – had been slaughtered.

The United States provided 90 percent of the arms for the Indonesian invasion, and when munitions began to run out in 1978, President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter approved a re-supply. The United Nations Security Council immediately condemned the invasion and ordered Indonesia to withdraw, but the United States went to great lengths to block the measure.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, our ambassador to the United Nations at the time, explains with pride in his memoirs how he, at the behest of the American government, ensured that the UN proved "utterly ineffective in whatever measures it undertook" because the United States "wished things to turn out as they did."

The American public was kept in the dark about our endeavors in East Timor, as coverage of the invasion was virtually zero here.

East Timor is still a shattered country today, and the wrecked nation should serve as a cold reminder of what happens when we not only support vile dictators around the world, but give them the means to carry out atrocities in other countries.

If we are serious about our commitment to freedom, peace and democracy, we will relinquish our attitude toward tyrants that was articulated by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull: "He may be a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch."

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# Confusion in chemistry

## Misunderstanding of school terminology results in mislabeling

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Associate News Editor

Departments using graduate assistants for supervised instruction are now down to seven instead of eight.

Chemistry Department Chair Doug Klarup realized the chemistry department's use of graduate assistants in the classroom was incorrectly classified during the first week of the semester.

The Graduate School asked the department to update the report data on its graduate assistants.

"I was surprised because that hadn't been my understanding after the June meeting that there was an error somewhere," Klarup said.

He added that he notified the Graduate School of the error, and he presumed it was corrected by that department.

The chemistry department uses

ROBERT AUGUSTINE | DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

**"We'll just have a footnote that says that the chair reported they no longer use supervised instructional assistants - they are instructional support."**

graduate assistants for instructional assistance and always have, Klarup said.

Supervised instruction is when the graduate assistant teaches 50 percent or more of the class. Instructional assistance is when the graduate assistant helps the professor in the classroom.

Klarup said, to his understanding, the chemistry department reported in June to the Graduate School that the department's graduate assistants were being used for instructional assistance.

Barbara Lawrence, chemistry professor and the chemistry's graduate program coordinator, said, based on her conversations with Klarup, the department informed the Gradu-

ate School that the department used graduate assistants for instructional assistance as well.

She, however, was on sabbatical last spring and does not know for sure what could have transpired.

Robert Augustine, dean of the graduate school, said the discrepancy has been fixed and was fixed after Klarup notified the school of what happened.

"My understanding would be that they believed they were using them in according to the definition," Augustine said of how the discrepancy happened. "But when they relooked at the definition, they discovered that they weren't being used in that way."

He said the Graduate School

reports are based on what the departments say.

He said the change would be reflected in his next report.

"We'll just have a footnote that says that the chair reported they no longer use supervised instructional assistants - they are instructional support," Augustine said.

He said every year there is a slight change in the report.

The art, communication studies, English, mathematics, counseling and student development, physical education and biology departments now all use graduate assistants for supervised instruction.

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## » Moss

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Moss ended his lecture with having everyone stand.

He then had everyone extend their right hands with spread fingers.

He then showed how every thing is connected by linking words.

Words that all have five letters. People exist - five letters - on earth together, he said.

Black, white and Asian, all have five letters, Moss said, and while Native-American does not have five letters, they were the first - five letters - people in America.

He said power lies in unity - five letters - and people need to stand - five letters - for something.

"The emphasis of what I do is what happens when I leave," Moss said.

He said people have to deconstruct the way they're used to thinking.

Deconstruction is hard to do in an hour, and even in 10 years, Moss said.

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## » FutureGen

FROM PAGE 1

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, said Tuesday's announcement was unexpected.

"There's definitely a sense of disappointment here that the commitment was made and it was broken," he said. "It's difficult to put into words how disappointing this is. It's disturbing and intensely disappointing."

Righter said the DOE had repeatedly supported a single-location site as planned throughout the competitive process.

For more than a year, the four sites put forth packages that included financial incentives and legal coverage to try and lure FutureGen.

"The commitment was reiterated time and time and time again over the last two years," he said.

Rep. Tim Johnson, R-Champaign, asked for a meeting next week

DALE RIGHTER | STATE SENATOR

**"The commitment (to building the FutureGen site in Mattoon) was reiterated time and time and time again over the last two years."**

with President Bush to discuss the project's future.

This followed the Tuesday morning meeting with Bodman that Johnson's chief of staff characterized as "blistering."

"Obviously, it's not fair to the state or region," said Jerry Clarke, Johnson's chief of staff.

Clarke said he has never seen a federal department pull out of a deal so late in the process.

"We have never seen a project go to this point and then the federal agency back out," he said. "We are just as shocked as everyone else. It's a slap in the face to everyone con-

cerned."

Bush first announced the project in a State of the Union address in 2003.

In November, the DOE had sent Johnson a letter that said it would announce a Record of Decision before the end of the year, Clarke said.

"I don't know what happened, except the alliance picked Illinois," Clarke said.

Clarke said \$76 million had already been earmarked for FutureGen and any changes in the money's destination would have to go through Congress.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich was also upset with the department's announcement.

"The U.S. Secretary of Energy's proposal to dismantle FutureGen is an example of politics at its worst," he said in a statement. Blagojevich said Bodman "deceived the people of East Central Illinois who spent time and resources competing for the project. We're not giving up the fight to make FutureGen a reality in Illinois."

A statement from the city of Mattoon reiterated that it was honored to be selected as the final site and had acted "in good faith."

But it also contained a reference to Texas, saying it would be possible to question the DOE's motivation after it had been ready to move forward until a non-Texas site was chosen.

Ruggiero would not specify what plans the department had for Mattoon and FutureGen but said an announcement would be made within the next few days.

A call placed to Coles Together President and CEO Angela Griffin was not returned.

Clarke said the announcement did not mean the project's structure would not remain and that the importance of FutureGen went beyond Illinois.

"This technology is going to be used throughout the world," he said. "A bureaucratic decision out of the Department of Energy is not going to kill it without a fight."

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LOCAL | ACTING

# No stranger to Charleston theatrics

'Henry IV' play kicks off 2008 season

By Michael Schwader  
Staff Reporter

Duke Bagger, director of the Charleston Alley Theatre's production of "Henry IV," has plenty of work to do before opening night.

Along with directing, he will also be in charge of lighting, set construction and playing the title role.

But Bagger is used to pressure.

"I started to perform at a very young age," he said. "I started as a musician, and I enjoyed being the center of attention. I've been performing for a very long time, and it's just something I like to do."

The first time I directed and acted on the set at the same time was 'A Woman in Black,' and that was just a two-person show."

Bagger has worked on several productions during his time with the Charleston Alley Theatre, such as "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" — shows that many theaters are reluctant to perform.

"We'll do things that other theaters won't do," he said.

His newest production of "Henry IV" is no exception to this trend.

The original "Henry IV" was produced by William Shakespeare about



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Craig Banyay, of Charleston, practices his lines during rehearsal of Pirandello's 'Henry IV' on Jan. 22. The play premieres Feb. 29 in the Charleston Alley Theatre.

Henry the Great of France, but this version of "Henry IV" is Pirandello's take, about Henry IV of Germany.

"The story is about an Italian nobleman who got hit on the head, and when he came to, he actually thought he was Henry IV of Germa-

ny," Bagger said.

The originality of the play, which he and his wife saw in London two years ago, peaked his interest.

It took him two years to obtain the rights to the play because of "unspecified difficulties."

One actor in the play said he has learned much from Bagger.

Darkeith Lofton, who will play Landolf, took a class with Bagger in summer 2006 at Lake Land College.

"I guess I've just been addicted to theater ever since," he said.

## HENRY IV IN THE VERGE

• **Be sure to check out** Verge reporter Katie Anderson's in-depth, six-part series on the making of Henry IV.

• **This week:** Part two will cover costume designer Jeri Matteson-Hughes' participation in the play.

Along with those who worked with Bagger previously will be actors new to the Charleston Alley Theatre.

Monica Maggaro, who plays Matilda, is one of these actors.

Although this will be the first time performing for Bagger, she is familiar with the art of acting.

"I've been acting since I was very small," she said. "One day, I said to my theater teacher that I would like to do this, and she said, 'You can,' and it just spun from there."

Performances will be at the Charleston Alley Theatre from Feb. 29-March 3 and the following week from March 7-10. Tickets will be available to the public for \$10. The price for students will be \$8.

Reserve tickets at (217) 345-2287 or pay in-person at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

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CAMPUS | POLITICS

## Profs doubt effects of State of Union address this year

Political science instructors discuss Bush's speech

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Andrew McNitt said he thinks the State of the Union address has little merit at this point in President Bush's tenure because Bush only has one year left in office.

McNitt, an Eastern political science professor, said the State of the Union address has more influence in the president's first year because it gives an indication of where the government is going.

McNitt said because it is Bush's last year, the speech was the final chance for him to indicate his intentions for the rest of his presidency.

Eastern political science professor John Morris agrees with McNitt that Monday night's State of the Union would not greatly affect voters.

He said he thinks voters have already made up their minds.

"It's the world according to the president, and how he wants it to work," Morris said.

Eastern political science professor Melinda Mueller also said she doesn't think the State of the Union will have much of an effect this year because most Republicans are running their own campaigns.

She said most of the candidates are focusing on a theme about change.

In his State of the Union address Monday night, Bush discussed topics such as the economy and the war in Iraq.

McNitt said it is not likely for the president's proposals to be made into law because his political party no longer controls Congress.

Morris said he believes the State of the Union is still important to watch.

"We as voters should be informed of all views, then make decisions," he said.

Morris said it is an opportunity to decide who may do a better job as

future president.

With Democratic frontrunners Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton in attendance at the State of the Union, they may be using the president's speech to their advantage.

McNitt said the president's opposing political party could make statements to attack that party.

"It is a way of critiquing the current party," he said.

Morris agreed with McNitt and said presidential candidates can point out the president's failings and use them to their advantage.

"Those opposed to his policies will point out his weaknesses and say how they could do better (as president)," he said.

She said she thinks some candidates may make comparisons — but some may pursue their own agenda instead.

When it comes to students watching the president speak, Morris and McNitt agreed: They don't think many students watch the State of the Union.

Morris said he hasn't seen any hard data, but he doesn't think many adults watch it, either.

"In general, people are turned off by politics and don't want to take an hour out of their night," Morris said.

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Restaurant owner hires illegal immigrants

SPRINGFIELD — A former owner of a Springfield-area Chinese restaurant has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for housing and employing more than two dozen undocumented workers.

Xian Xi Ye has spent 16 months behind bars and should be released soon to the custody of immigration officials for deportation proceedings, said Scott Sabin, his lawyer.

The 41-year-old, who also is in the country illegally, was fined \$2,500. Immigration officials arrested the men and 16 restaurant employees in September 2006 and seized business and personal bank accounts along with a safe deposit box. Prosecutors claimed the undocumented workers were underpaid about \$266,000 during a nearly two-year period.

### Obama's supporter must remain in jail, says judge

CHICAGO — A federal judge refused to release a high-profile fundraiser for Barack Obama and other Illinois politicians from jail Tuesday, saying that he might flee to escape trial on corruption charges.

Antoin "Tony" Rezko, 52, listened silently as attorneys pleaded for his release, but afterward was sent back to the Metropolitan Correctional Center.

Judge Amy J. St. Eve ordered Rezko jailed Monday after prosecutors disclosed that he received \$3.5 million from an Iraqi billionaire while claiming to be broke and living off handouts from friends and relatives.

### Allstate's 4th-quarter profit down 37 percent

CHICAGO — Allstate Corp., the nation's second-largest property and casualty insurer, reported a 37 percent decline in fourth-quarter profit Tuesday as the Southern California wildfires and other costs cut into its bottom line.

The higher costs prevented the company from topping the prior year's record earnings, although more than \$4.6 billion in income still made 2007 its second-best year ever.

Net income for the last three months of the year was \$760 million, or \$1.36 per share.

## POLITICS | REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

# MCCAIN WINS, GAINS UPPERHAND

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Sen. John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary Tuesday night, gaining the upper hand in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination ahead of next week's contests across 21 states and lining up a quick endorsement from soon-to-be dropout Rudy Giuliani.

"It shows one thing. I'm the conservative leader who can unite the party," McCain said after easing past former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in a hard-fought contest.

"It's a very significant boost, but I think we've got a tough week ahead and a lot of states to come," he said.

The victory was worth 57 national convention delegates for McCain, a winner-take-all haul that catapulted him ahead of Romney for the overall delegate lead.

Giuliani ran third, his best showing of the campaign but not nearly good enough for the one-time front-runner who decided to make his last stand in a state that is home to tens of thousands of transplanted New

Yorkers.

In remarks to supporters in Orlando, the former New York mayor referred to his candidacy repeatedly in the past tense — as though it were over. "We'll stay involved and together we'll make sure that we'll do everything we can to hand our nation off to the next generation better than it was before," he said.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee trailed, but told supporters he would campaign on. Texas Rep. Ron Paul was fifth, and last.

Romney, who has spent millions of dollars of his personal fortune to run for the White House, also vowed to stay in the race.

"At a time like this, America needs a president in the White House who has actually had a job in the real economy," he told supporters in St. Petersburg.

Florida marked the end of one phase of the campaign, the last in a series of single-state contests. The campaign goes national next week, with 21 states holding primaries and caucuses on Tuesday and 1,023 party convention delegates at stake.

## STATE | NATIONAL GUARD

# Illinois to screen troops for brain injury

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois is the first state in the nation to launch a brain injury screening program for all its National Guard troops returning from combat and a 24-hour hot-line to help with battle-related stress.

The Illinois Warriors Assistance Program will plug gaps at the federal level in care for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, said state Department of Veterans Affairs Director Tammy Duckworth.

The confidential hot-line addresses the stigma that a veteran in crisis may want to avoid, Duckworth said.

"When he wakes up in the middle of the night, like I did for many nights, and you're shaking and it's 2 a.m., you can pick up that hot-line and reach a clinician," she said.

Duckworth, an Iraq veteran who lost her legs in combat, and Gov.

Rod Blagojevich launched the program Tuesday.

The state has received phone calls from 27 other states interested in using the program, she said.

The \$8 million program will screen returning Guard troops for traumatic brain injury, known commonly as concussion, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The 10-minute screening will be mandatory for returning Illinois National Guard troops. It was designed by Dr. Felise Zollman, medical director of the brain injury program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Iraq veteran Sgt. Daniel Casara, a guardsman injured by a roadside bomb in 2005, said the hot line will help veterans.

"I wish there was a program like this for me," he said. "It's hard to go

## POLITICS | DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

# Clinton wins Florida, but delegates not awarded

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Florida Democratic primary Tuesday night, an event that drew no campaigning by any of her presidential rivals and awarded no delegates to the winner.

The New York senator, fresh off her lopsided loss to Barack Obama in last weekend's South Carolina primary, arranged a rally in the state as the polls were closing, an evident attempt to gain campaign momentum.

She and Obama collide next week in a coast-to-coast competition for delegates across 22 states.

Last year, the national party stripped Florida of its delegates as punishment for moving its primary ahead of Feb. 5 and the candidates pledged to bypass the state. At stake Tuesday were 185 delegates.

## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### FBI investigates 14 companies for fraud

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday said it is investigating 14 companies for possible fraud or insider trading violations in connection with loans made to risky borrowers, and investments spun off of those loans.

Agency officials did not identify the companies under investigation but said the wide-ranging probe, which began in spring 2007, involves companies across the industry, from mortgage lenders to financial firms that bundle home loans into securities sold to investors.

The development comes as authorities in New York and Connecticut investigate whether Wall Street banks hid crucial information about high-risk loans bundled into securities that were sold to investors.

### House passes \$146 billion package to speed rebates

WASHINGTON — The House, seizing a rare moment of bipartisanship to respond to the economy's slump, overwhelmingly passed a \$146 billion aid package Tuesday that would speed rebates of \$600-\$1,200 to most taxpayers.

The plan, approved 385-35 after little debate, would send at least some rebate to anyone with at least \$3,000 in income, with more going to families with children and less going to wealthier taxpayers.

### Signs point to pause, halt in U.S. troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is sending strong signals that U.S. troop reductions in Iraq will slow or stop altogether this summer, a move that would jeopardize hopes of relieving strain on the Army and Marine Corps and revive debate over an open-ended U.S. commitment in Iraq.

The indications of a likely slowdown reflect concern by U.S. commanders that the improvement in security in Iraq since June — when President Bush ordered five more Army brigades to Iraq a year ago — is tenuous and could be reversed if the extra troops come out too soon.

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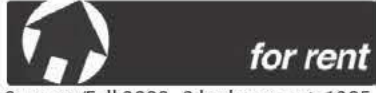
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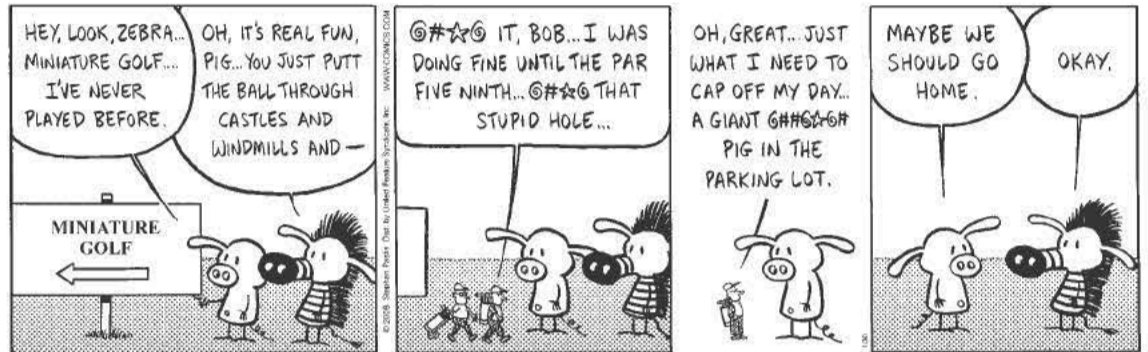


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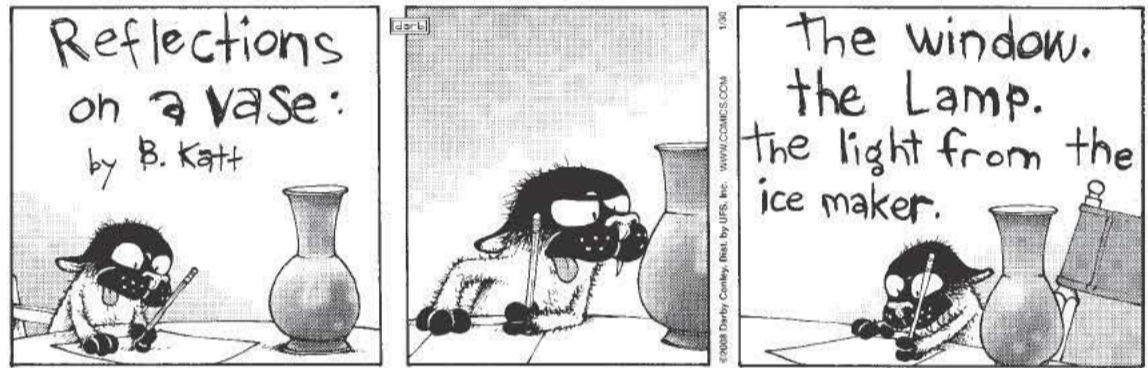
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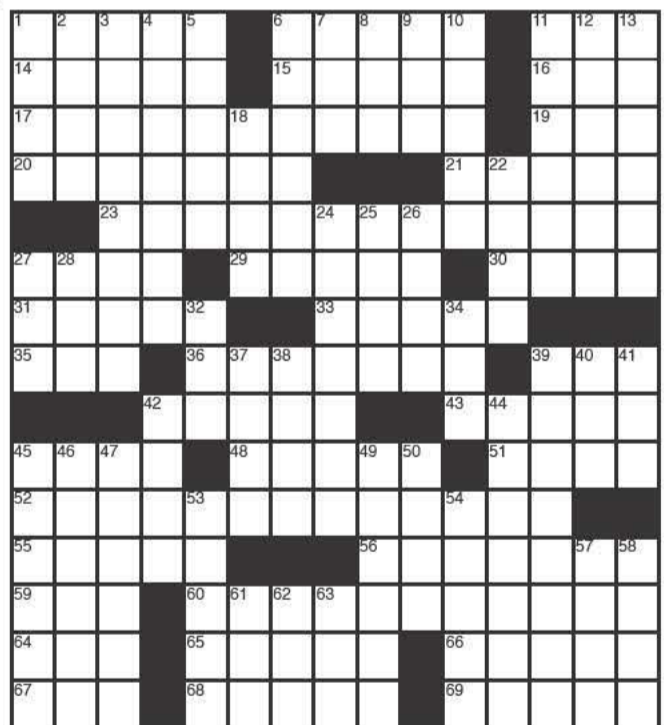


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- ACROSS
- 1 "Eat Cake" (1930s musical)
- 6 H'wood type
- 11 Familiar sitcom figure
- 14 Massey of old movies
- 15 Embassy figure
- 16 Stir
- 17 Guy ready to sing the national anthem?
- 19 Eggy concoction
- 20 Meditation goal
- 21 Making the most of
- 23 Era ended by Vesuvius?
- 27 Cold one, so to speak
- 29 March (through)
- 30 "If all \_\_\_ fails ..."
- 31 Author Calvino
- 33 Kind of acid
- 35 Churl
- 36 What shall be first ... or words that can precede 17-, 23-, 52- and 60-Across
- 39 Vote against
- 42 Maker of the game Combat
- 43 Piece in the game go
- 45 Pear type
- 48 Martini's partner
- 51 European erupter
- 52 Belonging to a Hudson Valley tribe?
- 55 Colgate alternative
- 56 Sinews
- 59 Janis \_\_\_, with the 1975 hit "At Seventeen"
- 60 Museum exhibit?
- 64 D.D.E.'s purview in W.W. II
- 65 Convertible driver's option
- 66 Cache
- 67 Div.
- 68 Christmases
- 69 Funny Fields
- DOWN
- 1 V.I.P.'s ride
- 2 Pizazz
- 3 Unable to hit a pitch?
- 4 Tangle up
- 5 Brit's buddy
- 6 Bleep out
- 7 Football lineman
- 8 Mid first-century year
- 9 Years and years and years
- 10 "Dang!"
- 11 Title brother in a 1973 Elton John hit
- 12 Mr. Gorgeous



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 13 Little canine
- 18 Mgr.'s helper
- 22 Project detail, for short
- 24 Daft
- 25 Negri of silent films
- 26 Reveals, in verse
- 27 Brief life?
- 28 J.F.K. guess
- 32 Baseball's Little Giant
- 34 "\_\_\_ a go!"
- 37 Detriment
- 38 Suffix with smack
- 39 Less than wonderful
- 40 Former Texas governor Richards
- 41 Vote for
- 42 Liniment target
- 44 Takes care of unidentified planes
- 46 Recently
- 47 Court worker, for short
- 49 Gym class exercises
- 50 Patisserie employee
- 53 Bottle ready to be recycled
- 54 "For every Bird \_\_\_": Emily Dickinson
- 57 "Me neither"
- 58 \_\_\_' Pea
- 61 Payment pledge
- 62 Lance \_\_\_ (U.S.M.C. rank)
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# SEMO's Ishee will serve suspension too

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Southeast Missouri head women's basketball coach John Ishee will not be able to watch his team play Tennessee-Martin on Saturday.

The Ohio Valley Conference issued a one-game suspension to Ishee after he received two technical fouls and was ejected from Saturday's game at Murray State.

He spent the remainder of the game in the locker room at the Regional Special Events Center.

The OVC penalty for an ejection from a contest is an automatic one-game suspension.

"I will be consistent," Ishee said. "It is what it is. I am no way set out to embarrass the university or myself."

Ishee will be able to coach his team in a game at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7 in Morehead, Ky., when SEMO plays Morehead State.

"My hardwood floors are going to get a test of my pacing of the floor," Ishee said.

It's been a similar trend in SEMO basketball.

SEMO head men's basketball coach Scott Edgar commented about league officials in a post-game radio interview following the Redhawks 82-78 loss to Morehead State Thursday. It earned him a one-game suspension handed down by the OVC office.

OVC STANDINGS		
School	Overall	OVC
E. Illinois	11-9	10-2
SE Missouri	14-6	9-2
Samford	15-6	8-3
Murray St.	13-6	7-4
Tenn. St.	9-11	6-5
E. Kentucky	10-7	5-5
Jacksonville St.	9-12	6-6
Morehead St.	7-13	5-7
Austin Peay	5-14	2-8
Tenn. Tech	3-18	2-9
UT-Martin	4-17	1-10

TOP 10 SCORERS		
Name	School	PPG
1. A. Guffey	MUR	19.8
2. R. Galligan	EIU	18.6
3. K. Appling	TSU	18.3
4. A. Hayes	MUR	18.2
5. C. Fuller	UTM	16.3
6. O. Okafor	TSU	16.2
7. C. Jones	EKU	16.1
8. K. Tyler	TTU	16.0
9. M. Whitney	SEMO	14.7
10. A. Caze	EKU	14.2

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS		
Name	School	RPG
1. B. Pittman	MOR	9.7
2. P. Mitchell	UTM	9.1
3. A. Hayes	MUR	9.1
4. P. Afton	MOR	8.6
5. C. Fuller	UTM	8.6
6. O. Okafor	TSU	8.2
7. C. Duhart	JSU	7.8
8. K. Tyler	TTU	6.6
9. M. Whitney	SEMO	6.6
10. J. Efezokhae	JSU	6.2

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS		
Name	School	APG
1. A. McGee	AP	4.79
2. A. Guffey	MUR	4.79
3. L. Pierce	TSU	4.55
4. N. Avery	EKU	4.18
5. S. Petty	MUR	4.00
6. T. Towns	SAM	3.86
7. A. Caze	EKU	3.65
8. A. S.-Williams	MOR	3.60
9. C. Jones	EKU	3.47
10. K. Appling	TSU	3.10

Morehead State women's basketball coach Mike Bradbury wasn't issued a technical, but the Eagles' bench was charged with one on Saturday night against Eastern.

Eastern red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards hit both free throws.

"Mike and I are clearly good, good friends, and he's passionate about the job," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "We both get after it. He may be a little more athletic and nimble than I am. He can do some more things on the sideline. I'm afraid I might get hurt if I do some of those things. His team plays as hard as he coaches."

### Samford coach finds freshmen succeed early

The leading point scorer for Samford isn't a senior.

She's not even a junior. Emily London is a freshman.

The Samford guard scores 12.1 points per game and has started 13 of 21 games this season.

London ranks 15th in the conference in points per game and sixth in the conference in field goal percentage (51.5 percent).

"It's been wonderful," Samford head coach Mike Morris said. "She's just a special player."

London also ranks fifth in free throw percentage (85.5 percent), fourth in 3-point field goal percentage (47 percent) and fifth in 3-point field goals made per game (1.86).

Samford freshman forward Savannah Hill is second on the team in scoring with 9.8 points per game, and she leads the team in rebounds per game (5.0).

"We needed them to be playing fairly early," Morris said. "They picked up our system pretty quickly and that enabled them to flourish early."

### Making the conference tournament

With all of the league teams having played at least half of the conference schedule, OVC coaches are concerned about making the conference tournament.

Tennessee State, which sits in fifth place in the league, is one of these teams.

"You just want to get in the tournament; it's tough," Tennessee State assistant coach David Midlik said. "You can't take any game for granted. Records are deceiving."

The Lady Tigers (9-11, 6-5) have a right to be concerned. They haven't made the postseason tournament since 2005.

TSU has finished in last place in the league in the past two years and finished in last place in five of the past six years.

On the opposite side, Tennessee Tech (3-18, 2-9) sits in 10th place in



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the league. The Golden Eagles have made the postseason conference tournament every year they've held a tournament.

TTU head coach Amy Brown said her team was coming up short at the end of games.

"We're playing hard basketball, but we're not playing smart basketball," Brown said. "I can't fault our kids for not playing hard."

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## » Line

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It is not surprising Eastern can shoot and make the shots.

The Panthers led the conference last season in free throws made (508), and ranked fourth in the conference in free throw percentage (72.7 percent).

Last season, Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale finished 10th in the league in free throw percentage (78 percent).

Making free throws is just one of the little things Sallee has emphasized during his tenure as head coach. After the 2005 season, the Panthers finished fourth in program history with free throws made (419). After the 2006 season, Eastern was second on the all-time program list with free throws made (481). And last season's squad made the most free throws in program history with 508.

The only team that's better at shooting free throws in the conference is Murray State. The Rac-

NATION'S FREE THROW LEADERS					
Name	GM	W-L	FT	FTA	FT%
1 Idaho St.	19	13-6	343	417	82.3
2 Murray St.*	19	13-6	247	301	82.1
3 Marist	21	19-2	336	410	82.0
4 Eastern Ill.*	20	11-9	377	475	79.4
5 Cleveland St.	18	11-7	266	336	79.2

\*Members of the Ohio Valley Conference; Stats as of Monday

ers rank second in the nation in free throw percentage. Murray State junior guard Amber Guffey ranks fourth in the nation in free throw percentage and second in the conference (90.3).

Eastern learned how dangerous free throw shooting could make a team when it was on the receiving end against Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 10.

UTM made 31-of-32 free throws,

and the Panthers lost 66-64. The Skyhawks, who are also ranked 17th in the nation in free throw percentage, accounted for the sixth-highest free throw percentage in a single game this season with the win against Eastern.

"We just couldn't stop fouling," Galligan said. "I just felt like every two seconds it was just on the free throw line, free throw line, free throw line. It was frustrating."

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING | ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

# Srutowski sacrifices swimming for nursing career

## Swimmer helped set 800-meter relay freestyle record

By Ross Meister  
Staff Reporter

Nicole Srutowski had to make a sacrifice.

The junior had to give up swimming within the last month in order to advance her career in nursing. She left the team because she wanted to attend Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville and study nursing.

"When I got interested in the nursing program, people in the program said I could do both swimming and the nursing program," Srutowski said. "My choice was to take the 17 hours at Lakeview and 12 at Eastern. Now that I'm in nursing school I just realized there is no way I could do it."

Srutowski said Lakeview requires a certain number of credit hours for each of the four semesters a student is there, but she could not be both a full-time student at Lakeview and a full-time student at Eastern. All Eastern student-athletes are required to be full-time students and take a minimum of 12 hours.

Eastern head coach Ray Padovan recognized it is about being a student before being an athlete in his program at Eastern.

"She was a talented swimmer," he said. "Sometimes, you have to make a move academically. It'd be difficult for her to do both (swimming and nursing) because of going back and forth between Lakeview and Eastern. You are here to go to school; it's a decision you'll have to make, it is something she'll be doing for the rest of her life. It hurt our freestyle relays, but that's something we have to deal with."

Srutowski said she is pursuing nursing because of the different aspects the job entails within the hospital.

"I would like to work in the hospital," Srutowski said. "I like the blood and guts, so hopefully, I will work in the (operating room), and hopefully, it will work out. It's only my first semester, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

There is a possibility that Srutowski might return for her senior year to join the other junior, Sheila Dugan, as a member of the 2008-2009 Eastern women's swim team, under a new head coach.



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Junior Nicole Srutowski is a nursing student at Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. Srutowski used to be a member of the Eastern women's swimming program, but because she is taking more courses at Lakeview and not enough at Eastern, she cannot be a student athlete.

### NICOLE SRUTOWSKI

**Year:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Orland Park  
**High School:** Sandburg  
**What happened:** Srutowski had to choose between nursing and swimming. She had to give up swimming because she is taking numerous credit hours at Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. She still takes classes at Eastern, but because she is not a full-time student, she cannot be a student athlete.

"I was thinking of trying to do 12 hours for Eastern, and 14 for Lakeview," Srutowski said. "It will be my senior year, so I'll just talk to the new coach, but I would like to swim again."

Even though Srutowski left the team to pursue nursing, Padovan had nothing but good to say about her as a swimmer and as a person.

"She was a solid swimmer," Padovan said. "She trained hard and swam exceptionally well at the end of the season last year. She was developing as a swimmer and was great to have around; we weren't mad at her for leaving, but we realized it was something she had to do."

Srutowski was the first swimmer of the Eastern record-setting 800-yard freestyle relay that took fourth at the Mid-Continent Conference meet (7 minutes, 52.80 seconds) last season.

"When we broke the 800-yard freestyle relay in conference, that was my most favorite moment from last season," she said. "It was a great feeling knowing what I had accom-

plished by the end of the year."

This season, she placed first in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Panther Invitational. Her favorite meet from this year took place in late November and early December at the House of Champions in Indianapolis.

"I had a horrible meet, but before the free relay, (sophomore Lauren) Zillmer and (a few others) and I were having fun behind the block," Srutowski said.

Her exceptional freestyle times

### NICOLE SRUTOWSKI | FORMER EASTERN SWIMMER

**"I like the blood and guts, so hopefully, I will work in the (operating room), and hopefully, it will work out."**

will certainly be missed by members of the women's swim team.

"She left a spot to fill in the relay," senior Mollye Shanel said. "I stepped up to fill the 100-yard freestyle. It's been a negative not having her in the pool swimming with us, but she's supporting us at all of the meets and stuff."

"I think there's a lot of talent on the team," Srutowski said. "There's a lot of people with a variety of different strokes, so they are recovering well without me."

Although Srutowski left to pursue nursing school, she did not leave on bad terms with the team. Though her teammates were not happy that she had to go, the team understood it was a move she had to make.

"She left on a good note. We're students first and then athletes second," senior Patty Young said.

It has been up to the likes of Zillmer to step up and try to fill Srutowski's shoes in the freestyle events, as no one could replace what Srutowski brought to the team. In the relays it has been up to a variety of swimmers, including Zillmer, Shanel and sophomore Emily Immel.

"Zillmer is still there in Nicole's relay position," Immel said. "She's supported us and was at the IUPUI meet, but we have a lot of people who are going to try to step up (and fill the void)."

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## » Cusack

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His time is a full two seconds better than teammate and Eastern Illinois senior Chris Wesson (1:55.99) and nearly three seconds better than Eastern Kentucky's Chris Renifo (1:56.69).

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya was named Field Athlete of the Week for the second time in four weeks.

Eruteya placed first in the triple jump with a mark of 48 feet, 9 inches. Eruteya leads in the OVC in both the triple jump and high jump events and is eighth in the long jump.

Earlier last week, I had a chance to talk to Springer about his goals for the season.

Springer said coming into the season, all he wanted to do was run a 1:55 in the 800-meter run. He was able to accomplish that mark in the year's first meet.

Springer said he adjusted his goal to 1:53.

Again, something he accomplished this weekend.

Eruteya listed a number of goals when I talked to him last week.

He said he wanted to win a team indoor title in addition to winning OVC Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

He said that Athlete of the Week honors are nice, but will not satisfy his overall goal. However, as Eruteya continues to win Field Athlete of the Year honors, the odds of him winning the Athlete of the Year award continue to improve.

The common thread between these athletes is they are not satisfied by any of their accomplishments.

As they continue to succeed and continue to reach desired times and heights, they do not become content.

They place the bar a little bit higher and continue to make themselves that much better.

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## » Rival

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Arnold threw 45 feet, 7.75 inches, while TSU thrower Kathy Onwu was only able to throw 44'10.75."

Junior hurdler Samantha Manto said it was nice to get a look at TSU.

"It was good to see where we are compared with where they are at," Manto said. "Personally, something that came to a head was their (1,600 relay) team. They are very fast."

### Athletes improve standings during past weekend

A number of athletes on the women's team improved themselves in the OVC standings after the Illinois Invitational.

Junior thrower Nicole Walcott moved into fourth place in the OVC in the shot put after her personal best weekend at the invitational.

Walcott's throw of 43'11.75" was seventh best of the meet.

Junior jumper Jenna Uhe's triple jump mark of 39'1.25" is the best in the OVC, and her jump of 18'0.50" on Saturday moved her into a tie for fifth place in the long jump.

Freshman hurdler Charay Savage's time of 9.11 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles moved her into fourth place in the OVC.

Junior sprinter Shawana Smith moved into fourth in the 200-meter run with a time of 25.53.

Sophomore middle distance runner Erin O'Grady's mile time of 5:17.03 moved her to fifth place in the OVC.

### Panthers prepare for two-day meet at Indiana

For the first time this season, the women's track team will have a two-day meet.

The Panthers will compete at the Indiana Relays this Friday and Sat-

urday at Indiana University.

The meet begins at 3 p.m. on Friday in Bloomington, Ind.

Wallace said preparation does not change for this type of meet.

"They really have to focus on coming out with their best effort during the preliminaries and (semifinals) so they have the ability to stay for the finals the next day," Wallace said.

Wallace said most of the event preliminaries will be held on Friday, including most field events.

The top 12 finishers in these events will compete in the finals on Saturday.

Manto said it is important not to look forward to Saturday and concentrate on the preliminary events Friday.

Athletes who do not make the finals can return to Charleston on Friday night if they choose.

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Megan Edwards

Free throws can win basketball games. It has helped the Eastern women's basketball team this year compile a 10-2 Ohio Valley Conference record thus far, good enough for first in the league. Eastern is ranked fourth in the nation in free throw percentage. The Panthers make 79.4 percent of their foul shots (377-of-475).

Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards (above) ranks sixth in the OVC with an 84.9 percentage. But she's not even Eastern's best free throw shooter this year. That honor falls to junior forward Rachel Galligan.

Here are the top free throw shooters, in order of made free throws, in the conference.

**1. Amber Guffey** — The Murray State junior guard ranks fourth in the nation in free throw percentage and second in the conference (90.3). Guffey has made 121-of-134 free throws this season. The Albany, Ky., native is shooting 74-of-82 from the line in conference games. Guffey finished the non-conference season 47-of-52 from the free throw line.

**2. Galligan** — The Bloomington native set an Eastern season record last season with 155 free throws made. Galligan has made 318-of-403 free throws in her Eastern career, ranking her fourth on Eastern's all-time list. She is shooting 85.6 percent from the line this season.

**3. Kristina Tyler** — The Tennessee Tech senior center ranks seventh in the conference in free throw percentage (83.7). She has made 77-of-92 free throw shots this season.

-Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

Eruteya, Springer reach goals

This week, the Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Athletes of the Week winners were well represented by Eastern.

Sophomore middle distance runner Jason Springer was named the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Week for his time of 1 minute, 53.74 seconds in the 800-meter run.

This time was not only his personal best, but also the fastest for any runner in the OVC this season.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | GAME SPOTLIGHT



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The Eastern women's basketball team has the fourth-best free throw shooting percentage in the country (79.4). The Panthers have made 377-of-475 free throws this season, which ranks them second in the Ohio Valley Conference behind Murray State.

A FREE (THROW) GAME

Eastern improves free throw shooting in past three seasons

By Kevin Murphy  
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Eastern women's basketball players don't think about it.

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee doesn't have them practice it much.

But the Panthers still dominate from the free throw line.

Eastern is one of the top teams in the nation at converting free throws, and it has relied on free throws as a major component of its offense.

"We told them we just have to certain things to win a basketball game," Sallee said. "We got to continue to (shoot the free throws). We don't practice them. We shoot a little bit of them on game day. We have good free throw shooters. We're comfortable there. Hopefully, we can continue to (make free throws)."

The Panthers are ranked fourth in the nation in free throw percentage.

The Panthers make 79.4 percent of their free throw shots (377-of-475). That percentage is better in Ohio Valley Conference games, in which the Panthers shoot 81.1 percent (257-of-317).

Each time an Eastern player is fouled and goes to the free throw line, it's similar work.

The players huddle or embrace each other, and there are grins on their faces as they high-five each other. They all know all they have to do is knock it down.

"I don't know what I tell myself (as I approach the line)," said Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims. "I get nervous. Sometimes it goes in, sometimes it doesn't. I take a deep breath."

And the players knock them down. Ask any Eastern player: It's not about one person.

It's about the team.

"It's not really an emphasis," said Eastern sophomore guard Jessica

Huffman. "Every player knows it's a crucial point. I feel like it's more of an individual thing."

Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan is the team leader in free throw percentage this season.

She set an Eastern season record last season with 155 free throws made. Galligan has made 318-of-403 free throws in her Eastern career. That ranks her fourth on Eastern's program list.

She is shooting 85.6 percent from the line this season. It ranks her fourth in the OVC and 27th in the country in free throw percentage. Galligan has hit the key shots at the line when she needed to win this season.

She finished 15-of-18 and tied the Eastern record for free throws made in a game against Eastern Kentucky on Jan. 12 at Lantz Arena. In that game, the Panthers made 40-of-48 free throws.

Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards is another efficient free throw shooter.

She ranks sixth in the conference in free throw shooting (84.9 percent). Edwards holds Eastern's freshman record for free throw percentage (85.2).

Southeast Missouri coach John Ishee knows the importance of free throws.

"We've shot the ball from the free throw line the last month," Ishee said. "Free throws are a big part of our game. That's one of the biggest assets of our game in the past month."

SEMO has made 50-of-58 in the past two games and is now shooting 70.9 percent from the free throw line.

Tennessee Tech head women's basketball coach Amy Brown has stressed the importance of the free throw with her team.

Brown said her team practices free throws all the time in practice and said a player has to be confident at the line when she prepares to shoot.

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WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Panthers see league rival early

By Dan Cusack  
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The women's indoor track team finished behind its first Ohio Valley Conference opponent this weekend at the Illinois Invitational last Saturday at Illinois.

Tennessee State came in second place with 77 points in Champaign, while Eastern finished fifth with 56.

"It was a good eye-opener for us in a sense that we cannot take advantage that it is ours to keep," Eastern

head women's track coach Mary Wallace said.

Wallace said in dual-meet scoring, Eastern was within 10 points of the Tigerbelles, and the Panthers were missing some middle distance runners when they expected to score points.

Wallace also said sophomore Kandace Arnold was able to defeat a TSU thrower ranked ahead of her head-to-head this weekend in the shot put.

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Junior Chandra Golden, left, and sophomore Caitlin Finnegan race at practice in Lantz Fieldhouse. The team will compete at the Indiana Relays on Friday and Saturday in Bloomington, Ind. Golden placed fifth in the 60-meter hurdles at the Illinois Invitational on Saturday in Champaign. Finnegan competed in the 60-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday at Jacksonville State** |  
5:30 p.m. — Jacksonville, Ala.

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday at Jacksonville State** |  
7:30 p.m. — Jacksonville, Ala.

MEN'S TENNIS  
**Friday at Marquette** |  
4 p.m. — Milwaukee

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK  
**Friday, Saturday at Indiana Relays** |  
All Day — Bloomington, Ind.

MEN'S TENNIS  
**Saturday vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay** |  
9 a.m. — Milwaukee