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UNIVERSITY | SEARCH

Biology department chair search still on hold

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**
Staff Reporter

The search for a new biology chair will have to start from scratch after Gregory Spicer, the final candidate for the position, declined an offer.

Spicer, faculty director of the conservation genetics lab at San Francisco State University, declined an offer because the housing market around his San Francisco home devalued, according to a Feb. 17 e-mail sent to faculty

members in the department.

Because of the market, Spicer would not be able to resell his home at the original price.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, said she is currently evaluating the future of the search. She hopes to meet with the biology department after spring break.

Godson Obia, interim biology chair and associate dean of the College of Sciences, was slated to stay as interim until July 1.

Hanner said she does not know if Obia will continue as interim longer than July 1.

Spicer was the fourth and final candidate for biology chair. Candidates Bruce Schulte and Stephen Roberts withdrew from the open position before winter break.

Charles Amlaner, the other candidate, e-mailed Hanner during winter break, saying he was pursuing a position at another university.

Hanner said the original applicant pool would not be revisited. According to the Feb. 17 e-mail, the search for a chair will start again, but a timeline to when the search would start has not been determined. Diane Hoadley, chair

of the search committee, did not respond to inquiries. Janice Coons, a biology professor who served on the search committee, said she does not know if a new committee will be formed for the future search.

She added each candidate had different reasons for turning down the position. "It's discouraging because of the amount of time and effort we put into it," Coons said of all finalists turning down the position.

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UNIVERSITY | INTERVIEW

Seeking to emphasize humanities

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Associate News Editor

As dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Dana Ringuette would want to emphasize the importance and the role of the humanities to match what the arts have achieved with the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"The arts are really in a great position right now in so many ways to do so many things, and the humanities without that kind of facility are going to need a little extra emphasis," Ringuette said.

Ringuette, chair of Eastern's English department, is the third candidate in the interview process for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. The interviews with Ringuette began at 9 a.m. Tuesday. A social was held Tuesday evening for the campus and community.

"What I really see for the arts and humanities, is the arts growing into the potential of this wonderful building we now have, the Doudna (Fine Arts Center), and the humanities taking advantage of it as well," Ringuette said. "What I hope to be able to do as dean is to now emphasize the importance and the role of the humanities, not just within the university community but the surrounding community and the state."

Ringuette said the arts have acquired a high profile with the new building. "I think we have some wonderful things happening in the humanities that we can build on," he said.

Ringuette said he would build on the programs already coming out of the humanities, such as the women's studies program and the Interdisciplinary Center for Diversity.

He said he would like to build on interdisciplinary team teaching and collaborations within departments and within the college.

"My role I see is to build and to help those sorts of cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary interests grow," he said.



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English chair Dana Ringuette, left, speaks with history professor Nora Pat Small, right, during a campus social for Ringuette, who is a candidate for the dean of the Arts and Humanities, on Tuesday afternoon in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Ringuette would also generate external funding for the humanities that would enable visiting scholars and resident scholars to be on campus for however long can be supported.

This funding would also allow fellowships for

faculty on campus and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.

Ringuette said there are multiple ways the arts and the humanities can work together.

"They already are in so many ways that con-

tribute to that integrative learning and an integrative curriculum and making progress toward that for our students," he said.

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Lynn Gedrica, a member of EIU Dancers, practices a dance piece on Tuesday in McAfee gymnasium that she will be perform with the EIU Dancers for the "True Expressions" event on at 7:30 p.m. March 6 and 7 in McAfee Gymnasium.

CAMPUS | BUSINESS

Program provides interaction

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

Opportunities for students to interact with executives in the business world has been provided through the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences with their Executive-in-Residence program since 1993.

This established program brings in two to three executives from different companies a year to inform students about what executives want from employees and the skills they must obtain in order to gain an executive position.

The school of business will have Metavante Corporation executives on campus to speak with students in various business classes today and Thursday. The Metavante Corporation is a company that provides technological and financial services for their customers. Gary Bakker, president of risk and compliance solutions for Metavante, will present his lecture "Fraud Schemes: How banks protect you.

How you should protect yourself?" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Cheryl Noll, chair for the School of Business, encourages all majors to attend. "Topics like this are important for all people to know due to how the economy is," she said.

Unlike some of the executive-in-residence programs, Metavante Corporations will bring along other prestigious executives in different business concentrations to share their experiences with students.

Noll said the external relations committee is made up of faculty members who are responsible for bringing in companies for the executive-in-residence program like Metavante.

"The faculty are the ones who find these people, contact them and bring them in," she said. "Vicki Hampton (professor of business) was responsible for making the initial contact with Metavante."

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EIU WEATHER

WEDNESDAY  53° 43° Mostly Cloudy S 10-15/20	THURSDAY  57° 33°	WEATHER BRIEF Warm up continues today under mostly cloudy skies. Expect a chance of rain late tonight. Showers and thunderstorms are likely on Thursday with highs in the upper 50s. For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather
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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Learning to fly paper



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Chris Mount, a senior elementary education major, throws a paper airplane down a hallway in Buzzard Hall on Tuesday afternoon for his Science Methods class. Professor Brian Poelker, not pictured, said the class participated in the activity as part of a section of the class where students create a lesson plan and teach it to others in the class.

SENATE | MEETING

Additional allocations up for vote

Money for bikes, lockers proposed

By BOB BAJEK

Student Government Editor

The Student Senate will possibly vote on four additional allocations passed from the Feb. 12 Apportionment Board meeting at the 7 p.m. meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

These allocations are for cycling bikes and lockers for the Student Recreational Center, the Tournament Fan Bus and the Tuition and Fee Forum. These allocations amount to \$32,390.

A vote did not occur at last week's meeting because new proposals have to be discussed the first week and then subsequently tabled. Student Body

President Levi Bulgar said some members might have questions concerning the cycling bikes and lockers.

Bulgar also thinks the fan bus will be an important discussion. The fan bus passed for \$1,593, which was \$1,200 less because the item paying for hotel stay was voted down.

"The Tournament Fan Bus will have some talk about the logistics of making it work," he said.

Bulgar said the additional nine holes for the disc golf course might also trigger some discussion. The additional allocation worth \$15,000 failed by a vote of 1-6-0 at the AB meeting.

A money request for \$680 for the Student's Distinguished Professor Award will also be up for a vote.

New items on the agenda include Campus Safety Week and Student Action Team stationery.

Campus Safety Week passed the AB 6-1-0 Thursday for a sum of \$900. Bulgar will present his project for a third time in many weeks.

However, he said it would be more informative since he obtained more information.

Bulgar told the AB on Thursday he was looking to gain enough sponsorship for the event to be funded without Student Government funds.

The Student Action Team bill for new stationery is for letter writing campaigns to lobby for issues important to Eastern, such as the Renewable Energy Center.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, will be asking for \$120 for the materials.

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Librarians are more than bookkeepers

BY JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Librarians are now expected to go beyond the literacy of books and assist students with new and improved technology when dealing with resources.

Stacey Davis, a librarian for reference services in Booth Library, said the study of library science has seen so much change.

"This is a profession that gets overlooked, but it has a lot to offer to everyone," she said.

Davis said librarians have the same status as professors on campus.

"We do the same scholarly activities and research as the professors," she said.

Davis said one of her tasks as a librarian is to constantly change the exhibits in the various display cases.

"Aside from books, I know more than I need to know about kente cloths, Queen Elizabeth and Frankenstein," she said.

Davis said she assists many professors in workshops discussing the many

changes that occur on the library's Web site in the different article databases, online catalogs, books and references.

"On average, the databases can change at least once a month," she said.

Davis said the library could also receive 1,000 to 2,000 new reference books a month.

"We have to learn how to be familiar with them enough to help people with them," she said.

Davis said the different user interfaces, such as the buttons, operating system commands and other devices provided by a program, can change in a moment's notice on the library's Web site.

"There can be a change in the layout or indexing, and we need to know these things in order to help others to use it," she said.

Booth Library's resource access on Eastern's Web site is a statewide system. Davis said the system is always being worked on for easier use.

"The changes are done by a state-



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Jackie Worden, left, a senior library specialist at Booth Library, helps Elery Rambo, right, a senior geography major, search for a journal article using the library database search on Tuesday night. Worden said that helping students find information with the library's resources can be rewarding. "With a little strategy (students) can find things a little more on the mark," Worden said.

wide group formed by different representatives from different universities," she said. Davis said search engines have made the system much simpler

for students to enter their findings.

"When it all started one had to know all of the codes in order to search for something," she said. "Now

you can at least put in small increments of text."

Davis said students need to take advantage of the library sources because some information cannot simply be Googled.

"In general, you won't be able to find some things with just a Web search, especially journals," she said. "Research journals can cost several hundred to a thousand dollars a year to access them."

Davis said the library purchases various journals in order to keep the students from paying out of pocket.

Davis said overall, the library is an important institute for students to gain information for their various classes and personal needs.

"(Librarians) are not just here to take care of the books," she said. "We are here to make sure people get the information they need. Students should always know it is a professional librarian to help them out."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Women to convey insights at open mic

BY CHARLES LEGRAND
Staff Reporter

Let the Women Take the Stage will spread understanding of the female gender through the form of an open mic. The event is part of a one-week celebration to compliment African American Heritage Month.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring Let the Women Take the Stage, in which performers will be exclusively women.

"Let the Women Take the Stage will be a very intimate event," said Keila Lacy, student life coordinator.

Lacy said even though the performers are

strictly women, everyone is encouraged to attend to gain insight and perspective in the relation between society and women.

"The executive board of the (Black Student Union) and I are all very excited and are eagerly anticipating a strong turn out," Lacy said.

Various types of acts and performances will be going on, including poetry readings and spoken word.

Lacy said history, triumphs and failures of women are going to be recognized in this emotional event.

Brianne McGee, a sophomore nursing major, is looking forward to attending this event.

"I feel like this is important. Women tend to get set apart in society," McGee said.

Dominique Gray, a junior nursing major, also thinks Let the Women Take the Stage is important.

"This event is a way for women to prove themselves, to show we can do the same things men can do," Gray said.

Let the Women Take the Stage will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7 p.m. today and admission is free.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Club demonstrates telescope use

The EIU Astronomy Club will present how to use a telescope at 8 p.m. today in Room 2153 of the Physical Sciences Building.

Advisory Board accepts faculty nominations

The College of Sciences Student Advisory Board is asking students to nominate their favorite professors within the College of Sciences for the annual outstanding faculty award to be presented at Sciencefest on April 3.

Applications are available at www.eiu.edu/~colsci/resources_applications-and-forms.php and are due in the college's office by Feb. 27.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

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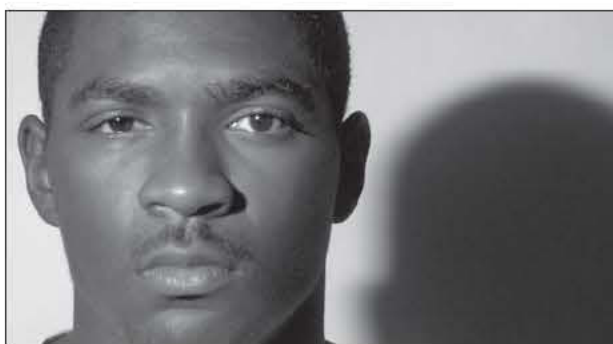
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'Pay to play' is here to stay

The recent news that newly-appointed Sen. Roland Burris was not only contacted by impeached former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's brother Robert, but was also asked to donate to Blagojevich's campaign fund, sent shock waves throughout Illinois last week – especially after testifying under oath, saying that he was not in anyway contacted by Blagojevich or his brother.

This week many have called for his resignation, including Gov. Pat Quinn, stating a resignation by Burris now would be "heroic."

I would like everyone to re-read the last sentence.

Only in Illinois would a statement as absurd as this actually have some validity to it.

Which leads to my next point: While many may be shocked or appalled, or even both, about the events that have unfolded, in reality, they shouldn't, because "pay to play" is here to stay.

After the fallout from former Gov. George Ryan's term, those outside of Illinois may have thought that Illinoisans had learned their lesson about shady business deals and assumed the people would not accept corruption.

But Illinoisans know a different truth.

Although Illinois is a big state, it is widely known that most decisions concerning the state are made north of Interstate 80, and rightly so.

Most of the population of Illinois does reside in northern region of the state, with Chicago obviously being the center.

And anyone north of I-80 knows the Chicago political machine is a powerful one.

Want proof of this?

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley has been mayor for 20 years and has run practically unopposed during every election. Daley's popularity level never wavers.

In fact, in 2005, *Time* named Daley the best mayor of five major U.S. cities.

Even with the hired truck scandal, the debacle with Meigs Field and that half his family is on the city payroll, he will undoubtedly still run unopposed when he is up for reelection.

This is Chicago clout at its best.

And how does one crack the machine or get involved in it?

Quite frankly, you have to pay to play.

To put it in a more politically correct sense, one must rub shoulders with incumbents, buy plates at ridiculously expensive banquets and of course, donate to campaign funds.

So we sit here, shocked about what is happening with Sen. Burris and everything that has already happened with Blagojevich.

While these are deplorable events, in all honesty, these things will continue to happen because "pay to play" is here to stay.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Graduate student fee increase makes sense

In 2004, the graduate student fee was raised from \$1 to \$2.

The fee, which the Graduate Student Advisory Council uses to put on events such as the Graduate Exposition and social events for graduate students, is significantly less than other universities.

At a national conference for graduate students, other schools laughed after hearing the amount of the fee.

The University of Cincinnati has a graduate student fee of \$40, and Western Michigan University has a \$21 fee.

As fee requests were submitted to the Student Affairs Office, the advisory council asked to raise the fee to \$10 a more than significant fee hike.

While declining such a large fee increase, the Student Affairs Office suggested to submit a fee increase proposal for a \$1.

Upon resubmitting the request, the advisory council was asked to lower the price to 50 cents.

While a 25 percent increase to the fee may seem like a significant increase, it will not help the advisory council with its goals.

Currently, graduate students only pay 20 cents per credit hour until they register for 10 credits.

Rodney Ranes, director of graduate admissions and adviser for the advisory council, said more than half of the graduate students only enroll on a part-time basis.

A \$2 fee collected from the more than 1,700 graduate students is small with the programming that the advisory council tries to accomplish.

The fee also allows representation at the Regional and National Association of Graduate and Professional Student Conference.

"With the country enduring a recession, one can hope upcoming fee increases would remain minimal, but that will only be seen as the semester progresses."

Instead of having to borrow from the graduate school, the advisory council could put on programs and events and avoid asking for money.

Fee increases approved by the university Board of Trustees include raising the Textbook Rental fee from \$8.95 to \$9.95 per credit hour for construction of the new Textbook Rental building.

The University Union Operating Fee was also increased by \$2.33 to \$80.03. The increase was requested for student wages, utilities, building enhancements and deferred maintenance.

With the country enduring a recession, one can hope upcoming fee increases would remain minimal, but that will only be seen as the semester progresses.

The advisory council is not going to get an increase it sees suitable, but if it holds on, they can request another fee increase that would help them serve graduate students.

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

FACEBOOK IN IT FOR MONEY

MARYLAND — Last week, some investigative journalist for the blog *The Consumerist* came up with the shocking discovery that Facebook had attempted to change its Terms of Service so that when you give your personal information to them, they basically own it forever, even if you delete your account.

Naturally, the public outrage caused Facebook to change that part of the Terms of Service pretty quickly, but if you ask me, no one should have been surprised.

I'm sorry, did you think Facebook was

a benevolent Internet Jesus owned and operated by the people? Facebook is not a cheer-ocracy. Mark Zuckerberg is the cheer-tator. He makes the cheer-cisions and he will deal with the cheer-onsequences.

I get it. It was shady for them to try to own all your shit. I get that. But the thing is, Facebook is a company. It's not a public service that you get just because Zuckerberg loves you so much. He's a businessman and he started a website where everyone gives him pictures and information, likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams. If he has a business opportunity where he can give up your infor-

mation and maybe make another billion off of it, he's at least going to try.

So when they do it again, don't act surprised. Start your own social networking site with rules that you like; that's the magic of the Internet. Any idiot can get a domain name and do whatever he or she wants with it. Zuckerberg just beat you to the punch. And when you complain again, just remember that you don't own Facebook and you never will. If you don't like it, you can leave. Zuckerberg will not miss you.

Rob Gindes
The Diamondback

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» Candidate

FROM PAGE 1

Ringuette has been a faculty member at Eastern for almost 20 years. He began as an assistant professor of English in 1990. In 1997, he became chair of the English department.

Ringuette said his already being a member of the university is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage to him, but he said that there are things he still needs to learn about all the departments in the same way that any candidate would need to.

Mary Ann Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences and chair of the screening committee for the dean position, said the committee treats interviews for each candidate the same.

"We look for a greater insight into EIU," Hanner said. "Where should EIU be headed, because we know he has a greater understanding of the

university."

Hanner said Ringuette was able to address this. She said he addressed integrating his experience at the university to move the programs forward along with the goals of President Bill Perry.

"Our other candidates couldn't speak to that as specifically," Hanner said.

Ringuette has experience of being in charge of a large department to bring to the dean position.

"My experience as chair and especially of a large department ... has given me the opportunity ... to actually try and make things work and function within a department in a way that I think is valuable in terms of a dean's relationships with departments of a college," Ringuette said.

Linda Coleman, professor of English and women's studies, works closely with Ringuette within the English department.

"(A) word I'd use for him is collab-

orative," Coleman said. "That means, he listens, he gathers ideas. He works with people, not over them."

She said given the size and scope of the English department, Ringuette has the experience of overlapping and not always converging needs.

"I think his greatest strength is he has both vision and day-to-day skills," Coleman said.

Interviews with Ringuette will continue today. Richard Sax, dean and vice president for academic affairs for Lake Erie College will be the final candidate in the interview process and will be on campus Thursday.

The screening committee will then meet the following week to review the feedback before giving a summary of strengths and weaknesses to Provost Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

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» Program

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Noll said the executive-in-residence program is not necessarily a recruiting tool for students.

"This is not the primary reason for the program," she said. "It is not a recruiting tool, but a professional development opportunity."

Noll said Metavante's presence on campus would have a more powerful impact.

"This will probably be more better because there will be a broader scope," she said.

David Boggs, assistant professor of management, said the various executives from Metavante would address different functional areas of business while they are on campus.

"It will include finance, human resources, the legal division and marketing," he said. "This allows students to hear different perspectives in the same organization instead of one."

Boggs said Metavante has made a tremendous commitment to Eastern as they volunteer their time to share the ins and outs of the business world.

"We are grateful that the company is investing to the university," he said.

Boggs said when it comes to the executive-in-residence program, stu-

dents have gained information and many opportunities from executives and returning alumni.

"We've had students make network connections, and this company (Metavante) have hired students in the past," he said. "Students are enthusiastic in general about hearing from professionals. Also, faculty are able to engage with executives as they are preparing their students to work for them."

Other companies invited through the executive-in-residence program were Consolidated Communications Incorporated, Peterson Companies and Vantage Technology.

Noll said due to their good relationships with some of the companies, some of them ask for no monetary benefits.

"We offer them a stipend, but historically they give it back to us," she said. "They just want to come back and share with the students their experiences."

Noll said it is important for Eastern to stay connected with these various companies as well as make relationships with others.

"It is important that we continue these relationships with other companies and also connect with ones we don't traditionally," she said.

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» Biology

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She said some of the candidates came from large research universities.

Eastern does not have as many research opportunities or resources, Coons added.

Before announcing his resignation as chair in February 2008, Andy

Methven, former biology chair, was faced with the threat of a vote of no confidence – the initial step to remove a chairperson.

Coons said she believes past conflicts did not influence the candidates' decisions to decline the chair position because the department is currently operating in a positive environment.

The original search, which lasted

throughout the fall semester, yielded 26 applicants. Hanner said because of travel plans, she will not meet with the department until after spring break. She added she hopes to initiate plans concerning the uncertain future of the department as quickly as possible.

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Cusack

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He is shooting (47-48 97.9 percent) so far this season and has not missed a free throw since Dec. 3 in a game against Tennessee State. He has made 45 in a row this season. "I think free throws are like lay-ups," Laser said. "You should never miss them."

The current record has stood for 30 years when it was set by Morehead State's Glen Napier during the 1981-1982 season. Growing up, Laser would practice making 600 shots per day, including 200 free throws. He said he does not feel any pressure about the record and just goes about his business at the line. Early this season, the women's basketball team guard Megan Edwards had a free throw streak of

her own. Laser said the two challenged each other to see who could go the longest. Edwards missed a free throw against Southeast Missouri ending her streak. Laser said the only pressure he felt was to beat her. Free throw shooting can often be overlooked and boring. Eastern practices its free throws at the end of practice when the players are tired and ready to go change. But for Laser, free throw shoot-

ing is about using his time wisely. On Tuesday, at the end of a tough practice that lasted about two hours, Laser was still a perfect 10-of-10 from the line not wavering from his fundamental free throw form. He sometimes has felt the ball has come off his hand wrong and wondered if it would go in during the free-throw streak. But each time, the ball continues to glide through the nylon. His pattern, the three drib-

bles up and release, has remained unchanged since the time he was a little kid. "My dad told me you don't need to be spinning the ball six times or banging your heart three times," Laser said. "All you need is three dribbles." As it stands today, Laser is three dribbles away from OVC history. Dan Cusack can be reached at 581-7944 or at dscusack@eiu.edu.

Season

FROM PAGE 7

Individually, junior Laura Nilsen led the way for the women's team as she picked up two wins, the first in the 50-yard freestyle and then in the 100-yard butterfly. The men's team also performed well in the individual events against Millikin with Showers, McGill and senior Brent Noble picking up wins. Showers finished first in the 100 fly, while McGill placed first in the 100 back and Noble finished first in the 100 breast. The squads finished the regular season of swimming with a loss to Saint Louis. The squads finished their season with a third and fifth place showing at the Summit League. "I felt that both the men's and women's teams improved on last year's performance," Zillmer said.

"All the women's teams in our conference seemed to get better from last season, so while we did place fifth, I think our swim times showed we improved." During the Summit League Championship, the teams broke five school records and several swimmers set new personal best times. "I was very happy and impressed with the way both squads competed," said first-year head coach Matt Bos. "It was good to see us swim are best times at the most important event of the season." Eastern's swimming program should be ready for next season. Showers earned Second Team All-Summit League honors as well as sophomore Matt Scaliatine. Zillmer, Green, Crittenden and Pumphrey all earned Second Team All-Summit League honors at this meet as well. Neil Schneider can be reached at 581-7944 or at jnschneider@eiu.edu.

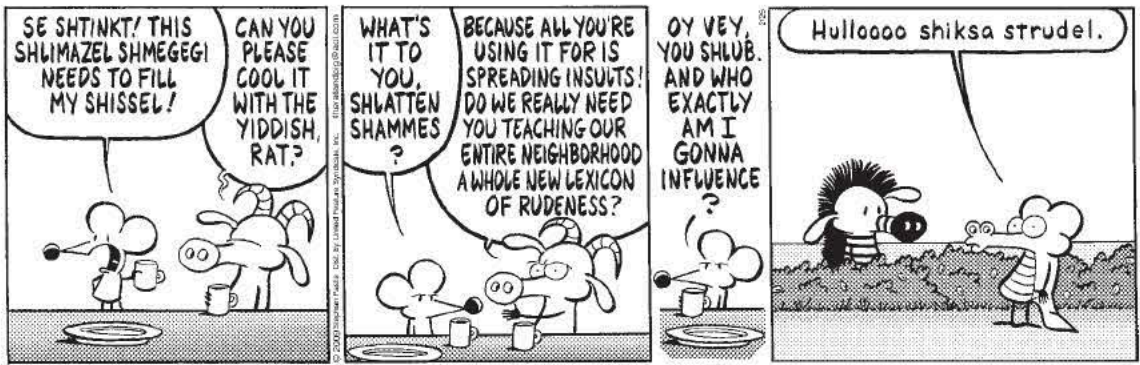
Matches

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Schedule full of non-league matches left The Eastern women's tennis team will play Illinois State at 7 p.m. Friday in Normal. The Panthers will also play Butler at 5 p.m. on March 6 in Indianapolis. Their final non-conference and home-opening match is against Western Illinois at 1 p.m. at Darling Courts. They will start OVC play against Eastern Kentucky at 2 p.m. on March 21 at Darling Courts. The Eastern men's tennis team (5-4) will play Bradley at noon on

March 4 in Peoria. They will continue play against Butler at 1 p.m. on March 6 in Indianapolis. Their final non-conference and home-opening match is against Western Illinois at 1 p.m. at Darling Courts. "We are definitely looking to finish off the non-conference schedule on a strong note," freshman Drew Grimaldi said. "Hopefully, us youngsters can help the upperclassmen toward achieving a conference title." The men's team will start the conference schedule against Eastern Kentucky at 11 a.m. on March 21 at Darling Courts. Wally Swenson can be reached at 581-7944 or at wfsenson@eiu.edu.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | SEASON RECAP

Teams endure up, down season

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams finished their season with a record of 4-6. But with numerous good swimming times at the Summit League Championships, the Panthers feel they certainly made progress this season.

"In my four years on the team, we have never swam as a group as well as we did at the Summit League Championship," said senior Elliott McGill.

After beginning the fall season with both squads defeating Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis by a combined score of 170-126, the Panthers lost their next five meets.

Many young squads would have begun to lose faith, but the men's team battled back to a third-place finish at the House of Champions Invitational.

At the House of Champions Invitational the women's team found that it had some promising freshmen talent with Tyler Crittenden, Alex Green and Story Pumphrey. The trio combined with junior Lauren Zillmer to post a season-best time of 1 minute, 38.82 seconds in the 200-yard freestyle relay and soon the relay team developed a bond that improved with each meet.

Following the House of Champions Invitational, the swim teams went on to begin a three-match winning streak that included victories against Indiana-Purdue Indianapolis, Valparaiso and Millikin.

During the streak, the men's



JOSE JUAREZ | SUMMIT LEAGUE MEDIA RELATIONS

Eastern senior Elliott McGill, individual medley and backstroke swimmer, celebrates after competing in the Summit League Championships in Rochester, Mich., Thursday. The Eastern men's swimming team finished third at the Summit League Championships. The Eastern women's swimming team finished fifth.

team began to find consistency in the pool.

The foursome of freshmen Rich Waszak and Matt O'Hagan, sophomore Cody Showers and McGill set a new season-best time of 1:37.93

against IUPUI in the 200-yard medley relay, while the other relay team of senior Joe Ethington, junior Steven King, Showers and McGill took first in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:28.64.

Following the IUPUI victory, the squads won every relay and individual event in their next swim meet against Millikin.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | NOTEBOOK

Panthers on wrong side of 4-3 matches

By WALLY SWENSON
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's tennis team is 3-5 in dual meets this season.

But they could easily be 5-3. The Panthers have lost two 4-3 matches this season, and both of the 4-3 losses have come against teams that are on hot streaks.

Eastern lost 4-3 on Sunday against Northern Iowa (8-1), a team that has won eight matches in a row. The Panthers did not win the doubles point and only won one of three doubles matches in this match, and junior Hayley Homburg lost in three sets, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6.

"We definitely want to improve our overall record on the season, and we definitely have a positive outlook on the matches still ahead of us," said Eastern freshman Shannon Brooks. "There is still a long season ahead of us, and we plan on being prepared for what lies ahead."

On Feb. 14, the Panthers lost 4-3 to Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne (7-2), in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eastern won two of the three doubles matches to earn the doubles point. But the Panthers lost at No. 2 singles in three sets. Freshman

Amanda Dibbs lost 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 at No. 2 singles. When the Mastodons defeated Eastern, IPFW had won six matches in a row.

Homburg's streak snapped

Homburg had won five straight singles matches before losing in three sets on Sunday to Northern Iowa.

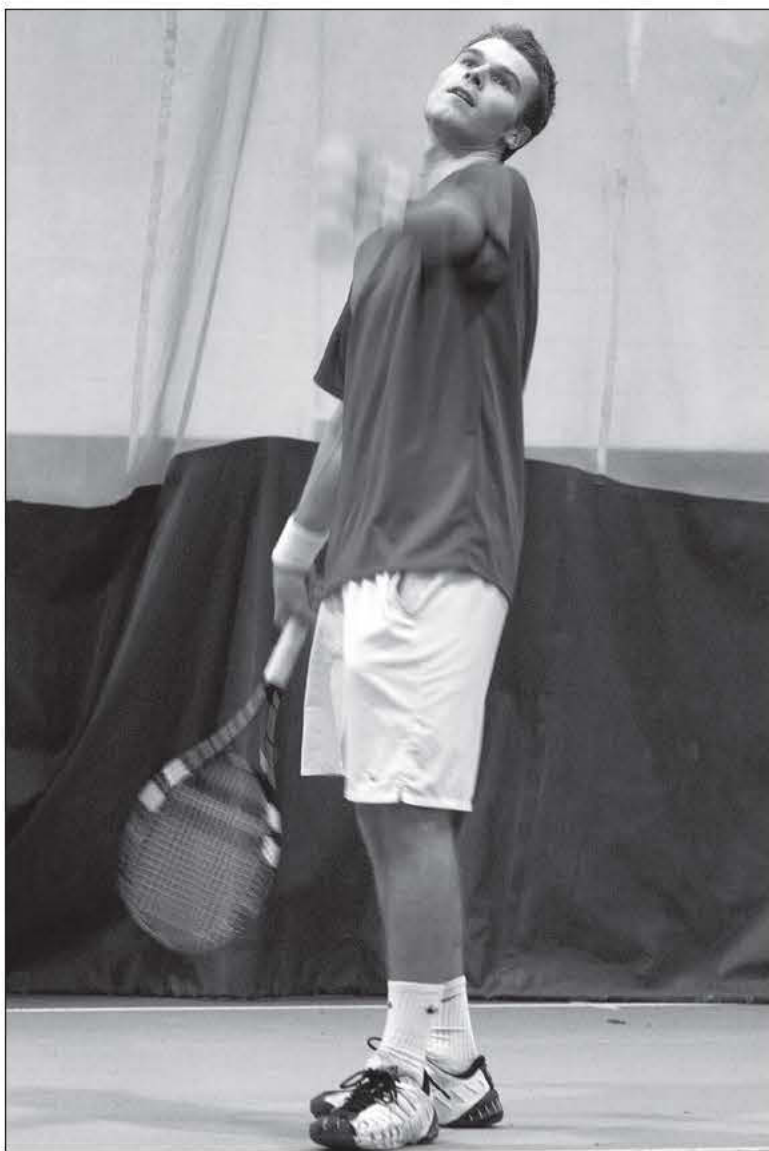
Sunday was the first time Homburg had played at No. 1 doubles this season. She had won at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles earlier in the season. She also won a three-set match on Jan. 24 against Southern Illinois Edwardsville's Laura Horning 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Homburg, however, has won four straight doubles matches. During this streak, she has teamed up with Brooks and Dibbs to win at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles.

Homburg was the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year in 2007. She played mostly at No. 3 singles in 2008, going 9-8 in that position, while finishing with a 10-5 in doubles.

Homburg (5-3) has the best dual-meet record of singles play this season.

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Matyas Hilgert prepares to serve during practice on Thursday in Lantz Fieldhouse. The men's tennis team is 5-4 this season.

NATIONAL SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Northwestern at Indiana |
5:30 p.m. on Big Ten

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 2 UConn at No. 10 Marquette |
6 p.m. on ESPN

NBA
Chicago at New Jersey |
6:30 p.m. on CSN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Virginia Tech at No. 13 Clemson |
6:30 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Southern Illinois at Drake |
7:30 p.m. on FSN Midwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Iowa at No. 9 Michigan State |
7:30 p.m. on Big Ten

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 7 Duke at Maryland |
8 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas Tech at No. 24 Texas |
8:30 p.m. on ESPN2

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DAN CUSACK

Same form works for sophomore

For Tyler Laser, it starts by squaring up his feet at the free throw line. The right foot in front of the left with his head down. Next, comes three dribbles to the right side of the body: short, quick and concise.

After, the Eastern sophomore guard lifts his head and the ball into the shooter's pocket. Finally, the ball is released, and the last 45 times it has gone in.

Laser, a sophomore guard for the men's basketball team, is one free throw away from tying the Ohio Valley Conference record for free throws made.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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