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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## COUNTY | CRIME

# 3 students arrested on credit card charges

By Matt Hopf  
City Editor

Three Eastern students were arrested on Coles County warrants on the charge of an unlawful use of a credit card.

Gregory D. Taylor, 18, of Champaign; Russell M. Harty, 19, of Chicago; and Robert G. Bennett, 19,

of Chicago, were arrested in Coles County after an investigation began in October 2007.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department arrested Deanse P. Means, 21, of Chicago, on a Coles County warrant for the same offense. Means is not a student at Eastern.

University Police Detective Kent Martin said all charges were con-

nected to the same incident.

While Taylor was arrested on March 22, UPD did not release information on him because the investigation was still active, Martin said. Harty was arrested on Tuesday and Bennett on Wednesday.

All suspects were released on bond pending appearances in Coles County Circuit Court.

First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust posted notices around campus and on their ATMs warning customers to not give away their PIN number.

The notices also reminded customers to not lend their debit card to anyone.

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## UNIVERSITY | CAA

# Council to vote on diversity credits

**New requirements would not increase overall hours**

By Chris Gajda  
Senior Verge Reporter

Cole Rogers wants to increase the general education cultural diversity requirements from three to six credit hours.

The change would not add credit hours to the graduation requirement, but would instead require six of the already nine needed credits in the humanities section to be culturally aware.

The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on Rogers' proposal at 2 p.m. today in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

If approved the proposal will not affect currently enrolled students. The first class to take the required six hours would be the incoming freshman and transfer class of 2009.

The Student Senate voted against the proposal 11-12, with two abstentions on Feb. 13. Student Senate members expressed concerns with enough class sections being offered, enough faculty being available to teach the classes and with students being able to fulfill the obligation.

In February, Rogers said it was not the senate's job to determine how many classes were needed.

"My point about it not being Student Government's job to put in more sections is that, if it is necessary, the CAA will add sections and amount of classes needed," Rogers said.

Even though the Student Senate voted down the proposal, Rogers can propose the change to CAA.

"The resolution that was voted down by senate is only a recommendation and I am by no way (bound) to that recommendation," Rogers said.

CAA can either vote for the change, vote against it or send it back to the senate where they would research, modify and represent it.

"The requirement has not been discussed or revamped since its inception," Rogers said.

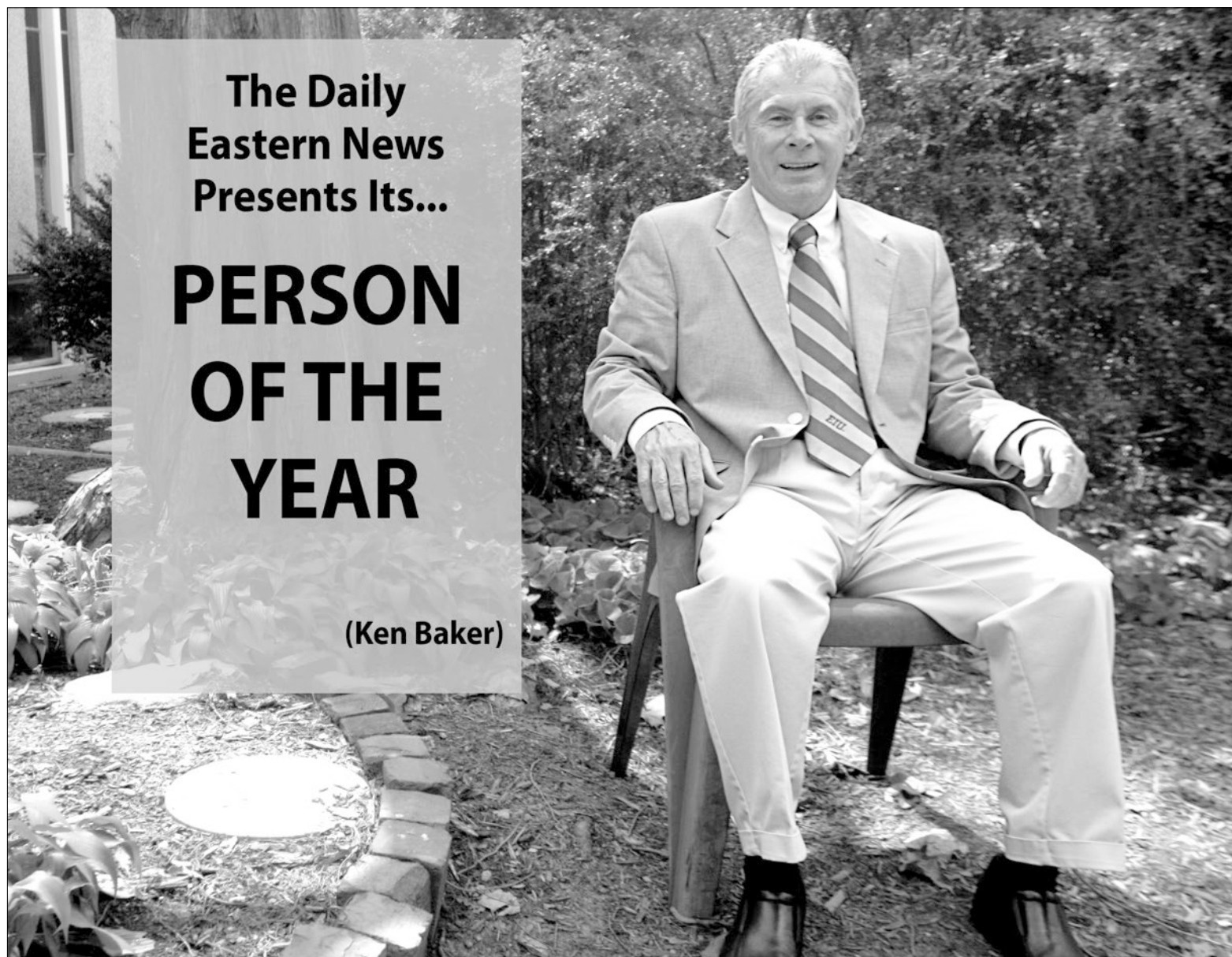
In February, some professors expressed their concern with the proposed change.

Peter Andrews, department chair for the mathematics and computer science department, said he would be concerned about transfer students entering his department who may be unaware of the new requirement.

"I'm a little worried about our teacher certification students," Andrews said. "(They) have about a one-class leeway and they would have to be more careful."

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## UNIVERSITY | FEATURE



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

# RESTORING INTEGRITY, MAKING HISTORY

**Ken Baker thrives in difficult position as interim AD, officiates a legendary Super Bowl**

By Matt Daniels  
Editor in Chief

Ken Baker received the first call that changed his life this school year nearly 720 miles away from Charleston.

He sat in the press box at M&T Bank Stadium, the 71,008-seat home of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, a few hours before the start of a Sunday night preseason game on Aug. 19. The Ravens were scheduled to play the New York Giants, a game in which he had to work as an NFL replay official.

Baker then received a call on his cell phone from Eastern President Bill Perry.

A week earlier, no one knew this phone call would transpire. That was when Eastern still employed Rich

McDuffie as its full-time athletic director.

But Perry relieved McDuffie of his duties on Aug. 13 and placed him on administrative leave, seven days before the start of classes.

Perry called Baker because he needed an interim athletic director, and he needed one soon. Baker was one of the three finalists for the interim position, along with Gail Richard and Larry Ankenbrand.

Perry said Baker's understanding of Eastern athletics, plus the positive feedback he received from people on campus about Baker, made him his choice to fill the void.

"When you consider an interim or permanent, it's a competition," Perry said. "And the people who have been nominated and put forth, you look at all their characteristics

and pick the best person."

That person was Baker, who officially started his job as interim AD on Aug. 21.

Baker had just finished lunch at the Thomas Hall cafeteria on a mid-January weekday when he received the second phone call that changed his life this school year.

The NFL's director of officiating operations Dean Blandino called while Baker was on the tennis courts near Lantz Arena with news that Baker would work Super Bowl XLII.

"I had been waiting a long time for this call," said Baker, who has worked 16 years as an NFL official.

Baker will return to his position as Campus Recreation Director once new athletic director Barbara Burke assumes her role June 1. He said he had no plans to become a permanent

hire at the athletic director spot, and will step aside graciously once Burke starts.

"Unfortunately, a lot of our politicians make decisions based on getting re-elected," Baker said. "Well, I wasn't running for office. I came in, stepped in with no agenda and just one thing in mind and that's doing what's best for the university, the department and the student-athletes."

It was Baker's work with the athletic department to repair its damaged public perception following McDuffie's removal, combined with the fact he worked one of the most memorable Super Bowls ever, that made him *The Daily Eastern News'* 2008 Person of the Year.

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## EIU WEATHER

<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>79° 61°</b> Mostly Cloudy SE 10 mph	<b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>77° 42°</b>	<b>WEATHER BRIEF</b> Today the skies will be mostly cloudy with a daytime high in the high 70s. Overnight, the low will be in the low 60s. Also, expect some rain to move into East Central Illinois later tonight.  For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at <a href="http://www.eiu.edu/~weather">www.eiu.edu/~weather</a>
<b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>58° 46°</b>		

## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Smaller actors union delays talks to May

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists said Wednesday it will delay the start of its contract talks with Hollywood studios for a week to give negotiations by the larger Screen Actors Guild a chance to succeed.

The move put off the beginning of talks from April 28 to May 5. The union said it made the move at the request of the major studios and believes it will not hurt its members.

"We believe we can best serve our members' interests by briefly postponing our negotiations," the statement said.

The Screen Actors Guild and Hollywood producers started talks on a new contract on April 15 with the hope of avoiding a replay of the 100-day strike by Hollywood writers that shut down production of doz-

ens of TV shows.

The guild, which represents 120,000 members, and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers are negotiating a new three-year deal covering movies and prime-time television.

Improved compensation for shows and movies distributed online is a key issue in the actors negotiations.

**Kidman urges fight to end violence against women**

UNITED NATIONS — Nicole Kidman has urged world leaders and ordinary people to join the global fight to end violence against women.

The actress, seven months pregnant and passionately committed to her role as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Development Fund for Women, said Tuesday the violence was probably the "most widespread

human rights violation of our time."

"One in three women will encounter violence in some way, shape or form against them in their lifetime," Kidman told a news conference at U.N. headquarters. "That's an extraordinary statistic. Yet do we ever hear it?"

**Campbell to appear in 'Ugly Betty' season finale**

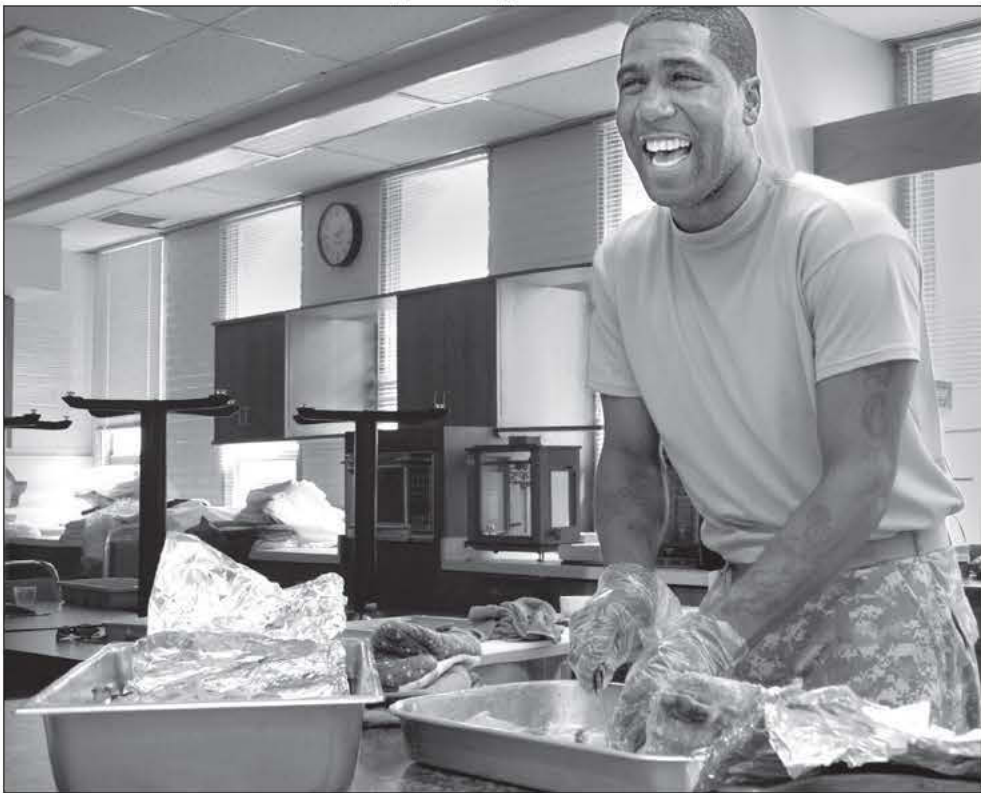
LOS ANGELES — Naomi Campbell is getting "Ugly."

The supermodel will appear in the last episode of ABC's "Ugly Betty," according to actress Becki Newton. A representative for ABC confirmed Wednesday that Campbell would play herself in the second season finale.

"She's going to be in our last episode, which is exciting," Newton said at the launch party for the new Sunglass Hut store design.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Picnic preparation



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Sergeant Alky Henry of the U.S. Army prepares food for the Civil Service Picnic tomorrow. Henry has worked in the Army food service for eight years. Henry and Staff Sergeant Christopher Gallien, also from the U.S. Army, helped the Family and Consumer Sciences department get ready for the picnic by preparing food. Henry and Gallien are instructors at the 92nd Golf food service stationed in Fort Lee, Va., where they "teach fundamentals of cooking techniques to new recruits."

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

## Buddy the 'beautiful bulldog' excels at sleeping

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Buddy is a sleeping beauty: Reddish brown, he's usually asleep on his back, snoring loudly with his large tongue lolling out.

He was wide-awake Monday, though, when he was crowned winner of a "Beautiful Bulldog" contest.

"He doesn't have a good stamina to him ... he's been laying around all winter," said George DuBois from Ankeny, Iowa, who owns Buddy with his wife, Cindy. "Just in the last 10, 15 days we've done some walking.

We've been getting in shape for this."

The DuBois' 3-year-old dog was among 50 bulldogs from mostly Midwestern states who came to compete. The beauty contest honors Drake University's mascot and one of the events leading up to the Drake Relays, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious track and field competitions.

Buddy competed unadorned, unlike many of his rivals. They dressed up as fairy princesses, rock stars, cheerleaders, bumblebees and even Snow White and Mr. T.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Sandidge voted as next speaker

## Student Senate contends changes good for future

By Jessica Leggin  
Staff Reporter

Cole D. Rogers gave his last state of the university address on Wednesday night, covering many of the changes in student life over the last year.

The speech was a part of Student Senate's last meeting of the semester, held in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Rogers started the speech off with the many changes within the university in the last year.

One of the changes was the inauguration of President Bill Perry. "He has established EIU as a first-choice school," Rogers said.

Rogers also mentioned the cultural diversity requirement debate.

"Cultural diversity is a huge issue," he said. "It is a prevalent issue and more importantly it must be talked about."

Rogers touched base on the tuition increase for the 2008-2009 school year.

"That is because of the legislature and them not making us and higher education a priority," he said. "We need to make an effort as students to make our voices heard."

Rogers said student government should continue to go to Springfield and lobby for more money for higher education.

Also concerning the tragedies that took place at Northern Illinois University and Virginia Tech, Rogers stressed campus security.

"We need to focus more of our resources on this issue," he said.

Karen Armour, chair of the shuttle bus committee, prepared a PowerPoint presentation about the Panther Express shuttle bus service.

Armour and the shuttle bus committee conducted research through surveys about the improvements to the shuttle bus service.

The poll concluded that 109 of 127 students surveyed voted for a third bus to go to Mattoon.

Also a new logo and slogan was



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Student Body President Cole Rogers receives a standing ovation after his state of the university speech during Wednesday night's meeting. Rogers' speech was his last state of the university address as acting president.

developed for the shuttle bus: "Get on the Bus."

Armour said she hopes whoever is the next shuttle bus chair will have the same intensity she had.

"All I can say is get on the bus," Armour said.

Megan Ogulnick, speaker of the senate, also gave her last speech.

Ogulnick said she finished her speech this morning, and it was not because of a result of procrastination.

"I wanted to make the perfect speech," she said, "one that truly affects the accomplishments of this last semester."

Ogulnick said she made her mark.

"I wanted to give back to the school that has given me so much," she said.

Ogulnick then spoke of the many accomplishments the senate as a whole has accomplished throughout the school year.

With actions such as approving diversity by-laws, the Banner system, and transferred credits, Ogulnick said a foundation has been laid down.

"We have laid out a great foundation for those who take our positions as we are gone," she said.

The Student Senate followed



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Cole Rogers leans on his gavel while Isaac Sandidge, Student Senate member, listens during Wednesday night's meeting.

Ogulnick's speech with elections for the next Speaker of the Senate.

Fellow Student Senate members Isaac Sandidge and Paul Reed were nominated.

Sandidge was voted in as Speaker of the Senate with a vote of 15-11.

"I feel very honored to be given the opportunity to serve the senate and this position," Sandidge said.

Rogers said afterwards many things still remain to be done and

taken care of.

"There are always improvements to be made," he said.

Rogers continued to encourage his fellow senate members to work for students.

"You have a direct impact on all of the students around he said," Rogers said. "Make your own direction and you stick behind it."

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LOCAL | CITY NOTEBOOK

# Fourth Street closure starts on Monday

Construction of Fourth Street from Polk to Harrison avenues will start Monday, said Curt Buescher, director of Public Works, in a press release Wednesday.

The first phase of the project is estimated to be complete by July 15.

"Local traffic will be permitted access to their residence through the staggered barricades, and the cross streets will be open except during times when the contractor is working in the immediate area of the intersection," Buescher said in the release.

After the first phase of construction is complete, Harrison to Madison avenues will be closed for phase two of the project.

The project should be substantially completed by Nov. 30, with a few days of work in the spring, Buescher said.

The \$1.45 million bid for the project was approved at the March

### MORE ONLINE

• Check out [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) for a map of the closed areas of Fourth Street.

18 Charleston City Council meeting.

About 80 percent of the funds for the project will come from the Federal Highway Administration after the city partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation in a Local Agency Agreement Federal Partnership.

The funding agreement was approved at the Jan. 2 city council meeting.

The city will pay for the rest of it through Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

The street will be widened by two and a half feet, and construction will also include sidewalk replacement

and sewer work.

"We ask that the residents and traveling public be careful and patient when walking or driving in or around the construction zone, and apologize for any inconveniences caused by the project," Buescher said.

### 'Celebration' arts festival starts this Friday

The annual arts festival "Celebration" will take place April 25-27 in the Library Quad.

The festival, which has taken place since 1977, offers live music, children's art activities, demonstrations, art exhibits and food booths.

More than 10 musical acts will perform, while more than 40 artists will be selling their work, ranging from pottery to jewelry.

On Friday, Pantherstock will take place all day on the Quad Stage. The

Eastern Jazz Lab Band, Little Boy Jr., Roses and Sake, and American English will perform.

On Saturday, children will be able to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog and the Eastern Botany Club will have a prairie plant sale.

A multi-cultural concert will take place at 1 p.m. in McAfee Gymnasium.

The concert will showcase traditional Illinois old-time music.

On Sunday, Mark Dvorak will perform at 11 a.m. on the Quad Stage, followed by Dennis Stroughmatt et l'Esprit Creole at 12:30 p.m.

— Compiled by City Editor Matt Hopf and News Editor Nora Maberry

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Tickets for Jason Mraz on sale now

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

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

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

### Rings of Saturn viewable at observatory

The Eastern physics observatory will allow visitors to view Saturn at 9 p.m. Friday. The observatory is at the southwest corner of campus between O'Brien Stadium and the intramural softball fields. Parking is available in the W lot near Wesley United Methodist Church. Contact the physics department at 581-3220 for more information.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

## BLOTTER

Arlandus A. Jackson, 23, of Chicago, was arrested on April 19 at the University Apartments on the charge of domestic battery and motor vehicle theft.

It was reported that a 2007 Toyota was keyed while it was parked in the lot east of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on April 14.

Jamie L. Lawrence, 24, of Roselle, was arrested on April 12 at 1:56 a.m. at Fourth Street and Polk Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

Bryan P. LaFlame, 21, of Willow Springs, was arrested on April 12 at 9:53 p.m. at Second Street and Lincoln Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

Ryan P. Gaynor, 21, of Lake Zurich, was arrested on April 11 at 3:35 a.m. at Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

Tyler Ferris, 20, of Charleston, was arrested on April 11 at 2:42 a.m. at Second Street and Lincoln Avenue on the charges of possession of cannabis, illegal consumption of alcohol, resisting a peace officer and obstructing justice.

Ronald D. Long, 27, of Alhamera, was arrested on April 11 at 2:20 a.m. at Second Street and Lincoln Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

## CORRECTION

On Page 11 of Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Mick Galeski's last name was misspelled in a fact box.

*The DEN regrets the error.*

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## Letter to the editor

Good luck to  
future staffers

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Heather Smith and I am the former editor and chief of *Minority Today*.

First off, I write this letter to not only announce next year's editor, but to also formally thank the members of my staff for doing such a wonderful job this year.

As graduation continues to approach, I have no doubt that those who will continue to be a part of the *Minority Today* staff will not only keep the paper strong, but will also improve it only that much more.

I would like also to say congratulations to Sheree Patterson who will be next year's editor for *Minority Today*.

Sheree has been wonderful to work with and I know she has the skills and drive for this paper to succeed.

While it may seem to you that a letter to the editor is bit much to have published in regards to thanking my staff, I on the other hand, do not.

The *Minority Today* staff has helped make my year as editor an experience that I will never forget, and the dedication that many of you have shown is an indicator that you all have very bright futures ahead.

While there may have been some rough times during the year, I know that we have all come out stronger as a staff because of some of the struggles.

Thank you for all your hard work, and good luck in everything you do.

Heather Smith  
Former editor-in-chief of  
*Minority Today*

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## Drawn to amuse | Ian Winston



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Blagojevich and his priorities

**W**ant to take a guess as to what high tuition costs are going to convince some potential freshmen to think? That's right. Not to attend college. Now, Gov. Rod Blagojevich is a reasonable man. Instead of a tax hike, he just cut some expendable budget items.

However, we doubt that the thousands of college students in Illinois think higher education is an expendable budget item, and cutting its funding is hardly reasonable.

Eastern's Board of Trustees agreed Monday that tuition at Eastern needs to be raised by 12 percent.

Before the increase, students who took 15 credit hours each semester paid \$5,832 every year for tuition. With the increase, students now pay \$6,533 per year.

It's an extra \$701 every year to attend the most reasonably priced state university in the state of Illinois.

For the full four-year run at Eastern, it will have cost approximately \$2,800 more for incoming freshmen come time for them to graduate than it does right now.

It's no surprise Eastern's tuition would have to be raised. The 12 percent increase is no surprise, either. Increases are happening all across the state because of the lack in state funding.

Northeastern Illinois University's tuition increased 12.8 percent.

Maybe if Blagojevich had raised taxes, Eastern would have that extra 6 percent increase we needed. With only a 6 percent increase in tuition, students would save \$330 every year.

Oh well. Better luck next year, right?

It's doubtful. Blagojevich has been loyal to students from kindergarten to 12th grade. Once high school's finished, though, students who are looking to go on to college are going to face huge tuition costs next year.

When Illinois was facing a \$5 billion deficit in 2004, Blagojevich's budget protected K-12 education, health care and public safety.

In 2006, higher education programs were appropriated more than \$57,000 while elementary and secondary education programs were appropriated more than \$70,000.

The numbers show that Blagojevich is committed to sustaining education — just not higher education.

As Blagojevich continues stiffing higher education in the state budget year after year, it's only going to make getting a college degree less attainable for more and more people.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said, "We have these costs that escalate. If the state doesn't provide that funding, then those

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** It happened. Tuition will hike 12 percent next semester because Gov. Rod Blagojevich gave higher education no money.

• **Stance:** Gov. Blagojevich should get his priorities straight and consider the entire spectrum of education, not just K-12 students.

dollars have to be made up from another source of revenue." Which leaves tuition costs on the rise and President Bill Perry campaigning for \$40 million dollars.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, asked, "I've always wondered, who in higher education made the governor mad?" Southern Illinois University Carbondale rests in his district. They, too, saw a 9.9 percent increase in tuition. Bost is worried the higher tuition prices will drive away students from surrounding states because prices will no longer be comparable.

"That's what we're going to get into if we don't have an administration that starts paying attention to the importance of higher education," he said in a February *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article.

It's unfortunate that expenses are burdened on anyone who's trying to get a college degree in Illinois instead of the state. Of the \$58 billion

Blagojevich appropriated in his state budget, not one single higher education institution saw one cent of an increase.

In 2003, Eastern was appropriated \$51.9 million from the state. For the past five years, Eastern has not received more than \$50 million in state funding. The money has only been decreasing, leaving Eastern to compensate the rising costs of necessities, such as energy (especially with the burden of the old 1920s boiler plant) and rising gas prices. The cost inadvertently is pushed onto the students.

Since not giving higher education any increase in funding for the last five (going on six) years seems to be the reasonable thing to do, students who plan on continuing their education in Illinois should start planning a budget that fits in the extra tuition costs of schools statewide.

We hope K-12 students appreciate their constant flow of state funds. As for the rest of us with a vested interest in continuing our education, we'll just have to bear the brunt of a bone-dry budget.

We'll be crossing our fingers that Blagojevich will end his impractical omissions and start acknowledging the needs of higher education institutions.

Who knows, maybe he'll shape up and Eastern will finally get that steam plant it's desperately in need of next year.

Then maybe pigs will fly.

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RICK KAMBIC

Don't fear  
graduation

The future is scary for some people. Being in school provides students with structure and guidance, but becoming a full-time member of the American workforce can make someone feel isolated.

According to the Commencement Office, approximately 1,650 students will attend the May 3 ceremony to receive their diplomas. The number of graduates is probably higher because not everyone wants to "walk the line."

I'm sure plenty of those 1,650 students will be scared when they receive that fancy piece of paper that signifies accomplishments of skill, intellect, and potential. But those accomplishments mean you ARE ready to contribute to our vast, enormous society. A good friend of mine frequently gets anxiety when she thinks about not returning to Eastern in the Fall.

She struggles when she thinks about finding an apartment, getting health insurance, paying for groceries and even cooking for herself.

When needed, I rearrange my schedule to spend time with her and remind her of all the good she wants to do in the world. I take a back seat to the conversation and let her gloat with opinion.

I talk up to her and rebuilt her confidence by allowing her to demonstrate her intellectual skills. Seeing that glimmer return to her eye is the reward I want.

We seemingly have to detox students from college. As a journalism major, I've taken every opportunity to work with professional newspapers or media companies to produce news in my communities.

However, journalism is an in-your-face field of study compared to more textbook-oriented majors, like chemistry or teacher certification. I sometimes forget that my drive cannot be compared to other students' drive.

I already "walked the line" when I graduated from the College of DuPage with my Associate Degree. I've made conscious efforts to strive toward goals of getting a job and making a difference in the community. In fact, I'm jealous of those 1,650 students who will depart Eastern.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 18 million Americans are enrolled in private and public institutions of higher education.

I'm one of 18 million working toward that elusively expensive degree. I don't want to be one of anything. I'm ready to be Rick Kambic the journalist, politician, teacher, coach, mentor. I thoroughly enjoy my social-based classes, but I also see my future jobs as social-based forums.

Other students here at Eastern need years of training to understand and master the demands of their industry. Anxiety will not make you any better at your job.

In actuality, humans learn from mistakes and we made plenty of mistakes while in school — otherwise everyone would have A's. So don't view graduation as the boundary that will make or break you as a person. Look at it as the opportunity to become those whom you admire. For those of us who still have time at Eastern, don't be afraid to let go of your good friends. Provide those friends with encouragement and praise because your relationship will also take the step into the realm of adulthood.

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY FEATURE

# Pursuing the ideal family profession

Professor draws from politics, Dallas Cowboys

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Jeff Ashley lucked into teaching. "Growing up, I swore I was never going to teach," Ashley said. Ashley, a political science professor, said both his parents were public school teachers, but he did not want to follow in their footsteps because he wanted to make money. His mindset changed when he was doing his graduate assistantship at Northern Arizona University. Ashley, who was born in Flag-

staff, Ariz., and raised in Tucson, Ariz., said he taught in Michigan for a while, but did not like the environment and eventually came to Eastern. He said unlike teaching, he was always interested in politics but did not think of making a career of it until he used a computer program to find what careers were compatible with his interests. Brian McHale, a sophomore political science major, said he had Ashley in two classes and enjoys his laid-back teaching style. "You can question something, and he will show you a real life situation about whatever it was and the result," McHale said. McHale said Ashley opens class

with a discussion about recent events, allowing them to relate learning material to current events. A timely topic Ashley follows is the primary election. He said a few months back he thought the Democrats could easily win the general election, but as the Democratic primary drags on, Ashley is becoming uneasy. "I'm still hopeful," Ashley said. He said he is not as confident in a "slam dunk" win by the Democrats because as the candidates criticize each other to gain the lead, they are leaving McCain away from criticism. Ashley said he is glad to see the growing interest in the election, especially with a good turnout from

college students. McHale said he learned from Ashley that any government position can make a difference, no matter how small or unimportant the position may seem. "He does a good job bringing things into perspective," McHale said. Ashley also makes sure his students remember the Dallas Cowboys. On every multiple choice test, he puts a reference or two to the Cowboys. Ashley said he has been a Cowboys fan since he was about 6 years old. He said it was a Thanksgiving Day game that sparked his interest in the Cowboys because he was

rooting for the opposite team than his dad. Ashley said he remembers the Cowboys winning at the end of the game with one miraculous pass to score the final touchdown, and he was excited for the team to win, even though he did not know who they were. Even though most of his students have their favorite football team before meeting Ashley, his enthusiasm may have more effect on his two daughters. "Both of my girls are going to be Dallas Cowboys fans," Ashley said. Sara Cuadrado can be reached at 581-7942 or at slcuadrado@eiu.edu.

NATION | MILITARY

# Petraeus promotion locks officers in place for successor


The Associated Press WASHINGTON — President Bush is promoting his top Iraq commander, Army Gen. David Petraeus, and replacing him with the general's recent deputy, keeping the U.S. on its war course and handing the next president a pair of combat-tested commanders who have relentlessly defended Bush's strategies. Bush will nominate Petraeus to replace Navy Adm. William J. Fallon as chief of U.S. Central Command, Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced Wednesday. The command's area of responsibility features some of the most vexing military and foreign policy problems facing this administration and its successor — including Iran, Pakistan, Lebanon, parts of Africa and Afghanistan in addition to Iraq. Fallon resigned last month, saying news reports that he was at odds with the White House over Iran policy had become a distraction. He was the first Navy officer to lead Central Command; the Petraeus choice represents a return to the more common practice of making it an Army slot. Petraeus would be succeeded at a pivotal time in Baghdad by Army

Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, who was the No. 2 commander in Iraq for 15 months. He has been credited by many with deftly managing security gains that Petraeus told Congress this month have opened a pathway for potential political progress in the country. Gates said he hoped the Senate would act on both nominations by next month and expected Petraeus to switch to the Central Command job, which is based in Tampa, Fla., by late summer or early fall. That is the point at which Petraeus is likely to make an initial recom-

mendation to Gates and to Bush on whether conditions in Iraq are stable enough to permit a further reduction in U.S. troop levels. The United States has about 160,000 troops in Iraq and about 28,000 in Afghanistan. The strain of those wars has taken a heavy toll on U.S. ground forces. Among the politically sensitive questions Petraeus would face as head of Central Command is whether the military focus on Iraq is limiting what U.S. and allied forces can accomplish in Afghanistan. And he would be pressed on the matter of using military force against

Iran. The next president taking office in January would not be compelled to keep either Petraeus or Odierno, but normally the lineup of senior commanders — as well as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — is not changed with administrations. "There is no precedent in U.S. tradition for a new president changing these kinds of officers," said Stephen Biddle, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and an occasional adviser to Petraeus. "For an incoming president to change them (in 2009) would be a real statement."


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## Lending the helping hand

Mike Heimerdinger can thank Baker for the role he played in helping Heimerdinger meet his future wife Kathie.

Heimerdinger, the Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator, and Baker have known each other for nearly 40 years, dating back to their time together on Eastern's baseball team in the early 1970s. Back when the two attended Eastern, freshmen couldn't have cars on campus, so Baker, a few years older than Heimerdinger, drove Kathie and Mike on their first official date.

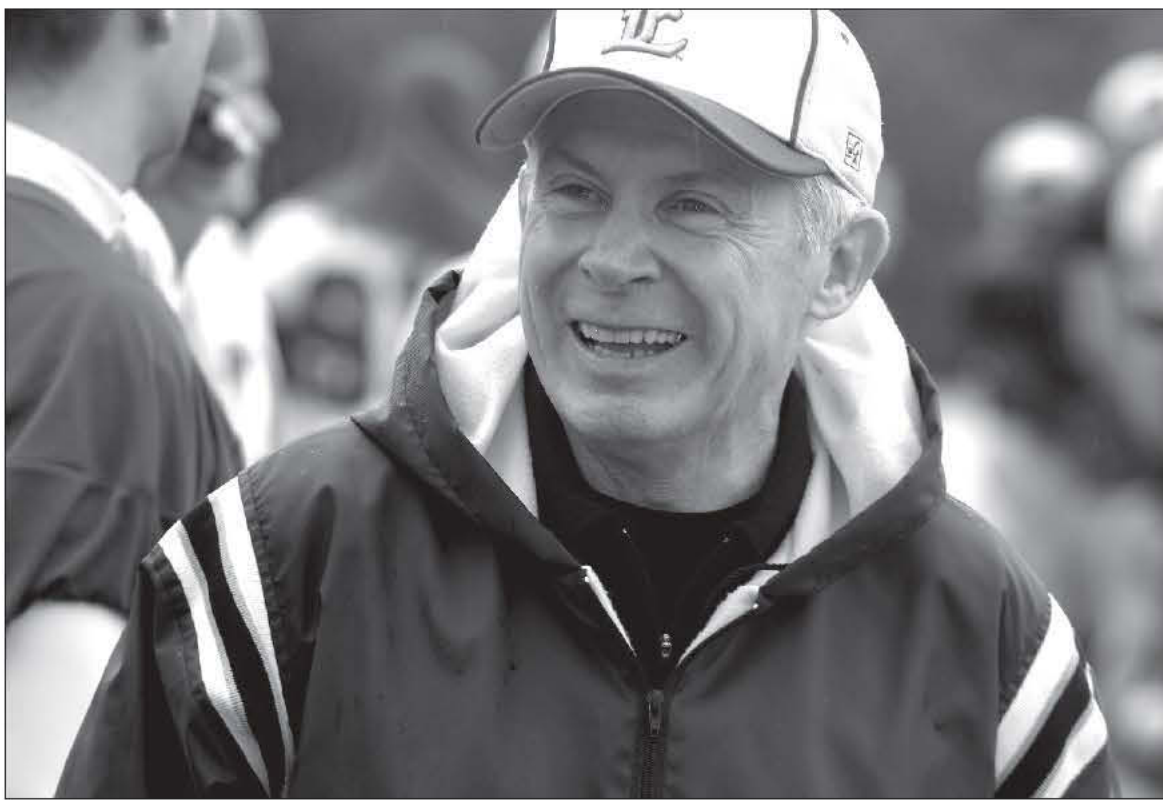
"Dinger's still married to Kathie and Mike Shannahan's still married to Peggy and I'm still married to Sandy, and we were all in the same fraternity," Baker said. "So that was the greatest success of all three of us, staying married. We all married our college sweethearts."

Heimerdinger, who's coached in the NFL for 13 seasons, said the two talked often this year, more so than they have in the past, because of Baker's role as interim AD.

Before Baker took on that role, however, Heimerdinger said he would only talk to Baker if the two were at the same game. Heimerdinger said he found out coaches couldn't talk to officials during the season on the phone, so the two long-time friends stopped that a while ago.

"What he did as an official in this league is work his way up the league," Heimerdinger said. "You have to have quite a reputation in that league and I don't know anybody that doesn't like Ken Baker."

Lou Hencken didn't start playing golf until he became Eastern's pres-



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Interim Athletic Director Ken Baker attended the football team's Spring Game on April 19 at O'Brien Stadium. Baker took control of the AD job when former Athletic Director Rich McDuffie was placed on administrative leave at the start of the Fall 2007 semester.

ident in 2001. At first, he was terrible, but Baker worked with him to develop his golf game, Hencken said. Although Hencken said by no means is he a good golfer, Baker's help has made him enjoy it more.

"(He) takes a long time on his putts," Hencken said. "I go up, hit it, I'm not going to make it. Whereas Ken goes up, he's like Tiger Woods. He'll walk around, take a look at this and more times than not, he'll make it."

John Smith's enthusiasm for his job had started to wane. As Eastern's associate athletic director since 2002, Smith, who has worked in an

administrative level with Eastern's athletic department since 1997, was tired of asking people for their money to support Eastern athletics.

"That wears on you," he said. "You get tired of always going to people and going back to the same people and having an agenda that you have to try and give again, give again. What he did for me in terms of fundraising was allowed me to go out and thank people. It was like he took the handcuffs off me."

Baker says numerous other people have contributed more than he has. But Smith, whose office is separated from Baker's by only by a wall

at Lantz Arena, said Baker has left his influence on the athletic department.

"He really brought the program some enthusiasm," Smith said. "And I know he got a lot of people excited and he rejuvenated me."

## The transition

Sexual harassment allegations against McDuffie leveled by former Eastern athletic department employee Pam Collins appeared in the Aug. 8 edition of the *Charleston Times-Courier*. It was the first time the public had heard of these allegations. Five days later, McDuffie was out of

a job. Baker said he knew his role of interim AD wouldn't be ly easy.

"I think I was a safe choice," he said. "People knew me. I've worked with a lot of people across campus and really respect and appreciate what it takes to make this university run."

Baker was supposed to start the job Aug. 20, but he couldn't get back to Charleston late that night because of travel problems on his way home from Baltimore.

He said he leaned on the athletic department staff early to learn the intricacies of his new job, and said he had a "very steep learning curve when it comes to NCAA rules."

"I didn't want one of my actions to create a problem for the university or embarrass the university," he said.

One aspect of his new position that worried Baker was his commitment to the NFL. Baker has worked the last five seasons as a replay official and most of his weekends in the fall are filled with that job. Hencken, who lives five houses away from Baker, and served as Eastern's interim AD in the 1996-97 school year, said one of Baker's biggest worries was balancing his time between the two positions. Baker wasn't sure how many Eastern football games, along with other weekend athletic events, he would be able to attend.

Hencken said he advised Baker to stay at Eastern during Hall of Fame weekend, which this year featured not only the induction of six former athletes but also a home football game, the first NCAA women's rugby game, a cross country meet and two women's soccer games.

"I think I made all but one of the home football games," Baker said.

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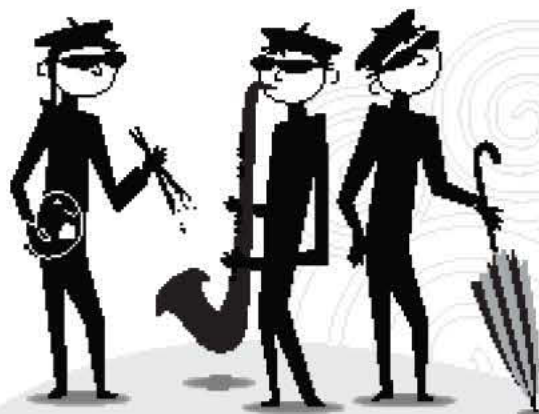
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Hencken told Baker before he accepted the job that even if he couldn't be here every weekend for athletic events, his role was bigger.

"The department was such that it just needed a calming effect for a while," Hencken said. "Someone who had a wonderful reputation at the university and whether what had happened before (involving McDuffie) occurred or not, there was the perception. So therefore, you needed someone above reproach, somebody whose ethics and character were above question. I think Ken was really a good stepping-stone."

During his tenure, Baker has overseen the renovations to the football locker room and plans for a brick backstop at Williams Field, home of Eastern softball. He also started to give money each program raised back to the individual program and not just to the athletic department, something Baker said had been done in the past.

"Ken has brought stability and a calming influence at a time when both were important for the department," said Jon Steinbrecher, commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Super Bowl

Baker said 26 cameras, all from different angles, were pointed on David Tyree when the Giants' wide receiver came down with his improbable catch in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLII. This gave him and the replay crew enough time to look before the next play was called and rule Tyree's catch was indeed a catch.

"What meant the most was it was just a great football game," Baker said of the Giants' 17-14 win against the previously undefeated Patriots. "You know (the Super Bowl) is big, but by the time you get there, you've worked a lot of big games. The thing that makes it more difficult is the routine's different, the security's dif-



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After the football team's April 19 Spring Game, Baker received the game ball from Eastern running back Norris Smith. Baker was awarded the ball as a thank you for helping the football team sign a New Balance contract and for overseeing the football locker room renovations.

ferent. But once the game starts, it's no different."

Baker said he had a feeling he'd get selected to go, but still didn't believe it until after he received the phone call from Blandino.

The NFL grades replay officials after every game, and Baker's reports came back each week with high scores. The first person Baker called after receiving the news was his wife, Sandy. Sandy then brought some family members to Lantz to celebrate the news with Ken.

Sandy has worked on a scrapbook about Ken's experience at the Super Bowl, and just finished it this week.

"Now I can clean the house," Sandy joked.

Ken said he took his entire family on the trip, including his 3-year-old grandson, Josh.

"We paid \$700 for the 3-year-old's ticket and he enjoyed the pop-

corn and the confetti," Ken said.

Hencken said he watched the game while on vacation in Florida and started to get excited around a roomful of strangers when a play needed to be reviewed.

"People around me are like, 'What's wrong with this guy? I've never seen a guy get so excited about a play,'" Hencken said. "Then the announcers are like, 'This is an obvious call.' So then it's, 'Please Ken, get this right.' And of course he did, as he did nearly every call this year."

Balancing it all

Ken and Sandy recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on April 6. But Ken wasn't around Sandy for most of the day because he attended several Eastern sporting events. He still keeps an active tab on what is going on with Campus Recreation, and is eager to concentrate

his full responsibilities on that job shortly. Just last week, he delivered a 15-minute presentation to Student Senate about a possible student fee increase in relation to Campus Recreation next year.

But Sandy has become accustomed to Ken's busy lifestyle.

"We've managed to keep a strong family life even with him gone," Sandy said. "I've just been so proud of him throughout the years with what he's managed to do with his life, being a young man growing up in Charleston. Just being the kind person he is. That counts for an awful lot. Even though he is gone a lot, he is doing good things."

Hencken said when he eats breakfast, usually around 7:30 a.m., he sees Ken driving into work, and when he has dinner around 6:30 p.m., he usually sees Ken driving home from work. Perry said he thinks Ken saw

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this opportunity as a service to Eastern, even though he knew it would take up more of his time.

"I'll bet, in the timeframe he's been here, that there hasn't been a handful of times that I haven't walked in the door that he hasn't been in his office," Smith said. "It's really funny, when he does leave around 5 p.m. sometimes, it's almost like he's apologizing."

Ken retired as a field official in the NFL after the 2001 season. He took a year off to be with his family, as he had to deal with his mother's death and his mother-in-law's death.

"I needed to be with my family," Ken said. "I was out for a year and they asked if I'd come back and do replay. And the rest is history."

History is a word that can define Ken's life the past eight months. Whether it was reversing the recent unpleasant history in the inner workings of the athletic department, officiating in one of the most memorable Super Bowls or quietly stepping out of the spotlight to let Burke fully take control of the position, he's certainly set precedents and standards at Eastern.

"If everybody in the world was like Ken Baker, we wouldn't need police or armies because he's such a great person," Hencken said. "And Eastern's very fortunate to have him, and we were this year especially."

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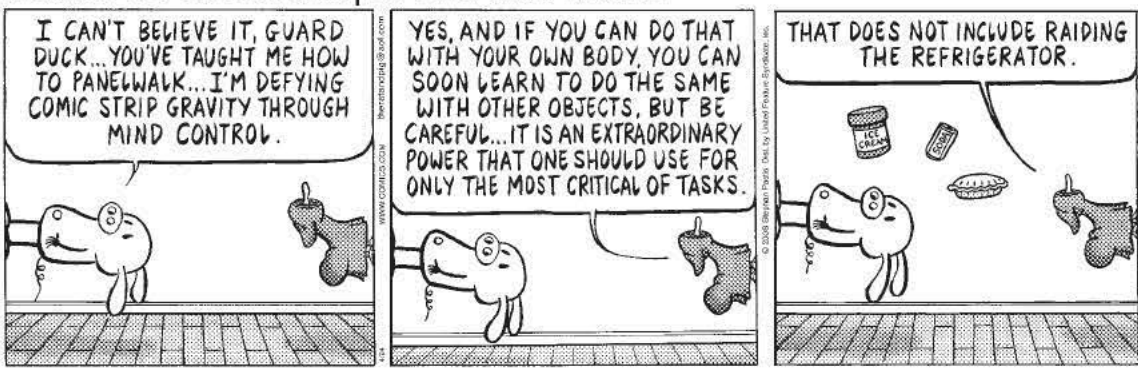
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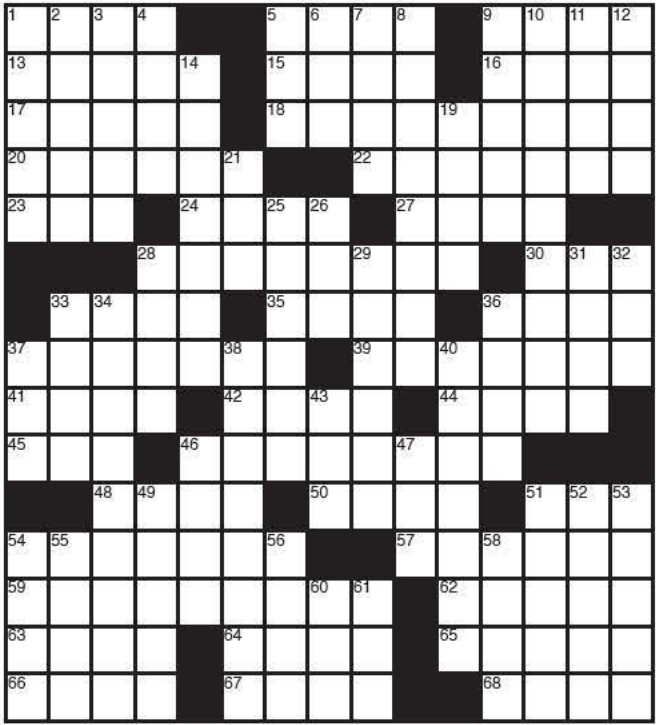


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Factory seconds: Abbr.
  - 5 Sights
  - 9 Support
  - 13 "Cool!"
  - 15 Starting fare, often
  - 16 Shield border
  - 17 "Scram!"
  - 18 Practice area, of a sort
  - 20 Get out of a bind?
  - 22 Way to the top
  - 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Snider, frontman for rock's Twisted Sister
  - 24 Once-in-a-lifetime traveler
  - 27 Figure usu. in hundreds or thousands of feet
  - 28 "Black rat" as opposed to "Rattus rattus"
  - 30 Org. established by Nixon
  - 33 Sorry sort
  - 35 Loudness unit
  - 36 Biblical patriarch whose name means "he will laugh"
  - 37 "What a \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - 39 Catch
  - 41 Radical Hoffman
  - 42 Low-grade?: Abbr.
  - 44 Hipsters
  - 45 Abridged, for short: Abbr.
  - 46 Northeast, on a map
  - 48 Ditto
  - 50 Delhi wrap
  - 51 Here, in Toledo
  - 54 Silk fabric for scarves
  - 57 Onetime Missouri natives
  - 59 Directories
  - 62 Bygone women's magazine
  - 63 Sharp
  - 64 Humdinger
  - 65 Parade honoree, familiarly
  - 66 Himmel und \_\_\_\_\_ (traditional German potato dish)
  - 67 Lawless role
  - 68 Sun. deliveries



PUZZLE BY ALAN ARBESFELD

- DOWN**
- 1 About to bloom
  - 2 Catch up with old classmates
  - 3 Half of a showy display?
  - 4 Covered walkway
  - 5 Symbol of power, to the pharaohs
  - 6 Cash substitute
  - 7 Kennel club rejects
  - 8 Railroad track workers
  - 9 Overwhelm
  - 10 Reaches
  - 11 Lee Van \_\_\_\_\_ (spaghetti western actor)
  - 12 Cigarette brand that sponsored "The Dick Van Dyke Show"
  - 14 Like some oil rigs
  - 19 Egyptian lifeline
  - 21 Eponym of a classic Minnesota-brewed beer
  - 25 Bump
  - 26 \_\_\_\_\_ time
  - 28 Grammy winner Winans
  - 29 Shortage of punch
  - 31 TV's Jack and kin
  - 32 Point of no return?
  - 33 Robot in "Forbidden Planet"
  - 34 Without protection
  - 36 \_\_\_\_\_ the finish
  - 37 Job for Hercule Poirot
  - 38 Spice holder
  - 40 Splits
  - 43 Misses the mark
  - 46 Amherst campus, briefly
  - 47 Miracle-\_\_\_\_\_
  - 49 Coeur d' \_\_\_\_\_
  - 51 Visibly stunned
  - 52 Last place
  - 53 Seconds: Abbr.
  - 54 Impostor
  - 55 Less conventional
  - 56 Blackmore heroine
  - 58 Stops on a sales rep's rte.
  - 60 Knowledge
  - 61 Mme., across the Pyrenees

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Lindsay said Sallee had to be hired on an interim basis because at

Sallee had the opportunity to interview for head coaching posi-

**Family**  
Wife: Mandy  
Children: Avery and Taryn

He said Conference USA at the time was one of the top six or seven leagues in country, so he said he

But Sallee is now the head coach of a burgeoning basketball program. And despite a 0-7 start to the 2007-

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COMING BACK WITH A SWING

Junior leads Panthers' contingent at OVC championships

By Micky Deming  
Staff Reporter

Eastern junior women's golfer Carrie Riordan never gave up. She climbed into the top 10 in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships last week after faltering in the first round.

The Spring Valley native shot an 85 (+13) at The Shoals on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Muscle Shoals, Ala., in the first round, which left her tied for 23rd. Eastern's team shared her struggles and were in seventh out of eight teams after the first round.

"I was a little discouraged, because you don't want to start a tournament like that," Riordan said. "But I knew I couldn't give up."

She came back strong the second day and shot a 78 to climb to 19th. Her teammates knew they could count on her for a strong performance – even after a difficult first round.

"She is always going to be up there near the top," said junior Katie Imburgia. "If she isn't playing well, she always finds a way to turn it around."

Riordan continued her improvement into the final round by shooting a 75. The strong score vaulted her into a tie for ninth place.

"I was pleased with my finish because of how far I had to come back," she said. "I didn't think I would be able to pass that many people."

Eastern head coach Mike Moncel said the comeback has to do with Riordan's character. He said she had



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Junior golfer Carrie Riordan battled back all the way to ninth place after a rough start to the Ohio Valley Conference Championship last week in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

to stay steady and grind to get into the top 10.

"Carrie has very good character, and she is tough," Moncel said. "She showed it by fighting back in this tournament."

Even though she was behind, Riordan said she had to stay patient. She said when you get behind in golf, it is crucial to take it one shot at a time.

"You can never get too crazy with golf," she said. "I just had to keep playing my game."

The Panthers also were able to shake off a bad first round and make up ground in the tournament. They went from seventh to sixth after round two and all the way to a fourth place finish after the third round. Knowing the team could still move up is part of what motivated Riordan.

"I had to keep fighting," she said. "I couldn't let my team down."

Imburgia said Riordan's consistency motivates the team.

"We know we can rely on her to do well," she said. "It encourages the rest of us to do the same."

While Eastern would have liked a better finish in the OVC Championships, their progress in the last two rounds has them excited for next season.

"Climbing back to fourth showed us we can compete with these teams," Imburgia said. "The experience gives us confidence for next year."

Moncel said his team showed its character by refusing to give up.

"They are fighters," he said. "We regrouped and showed what we were made of."

Riordan said she was disappointed with her the finish but was encouraged by the team's determination to battle back after a poor first round.

"Overall, I know we could have done better, but I'm pleased with how we fought back," Riordan said. "I know we will be ready for next year."

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BASEBALL | BRADLEY 11, EASTERN 4  
Panthers walk nine in loss

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern walked too many batters. Three Eastern pitchers gave up three walks each in the Panthers' 11-4 loss against Bradley (18-19) at O'Brien Field in Peoria.

Eastern freshman starter Zach Carney lasted just 1 1/3 innings after walking three Bradley hitters in the first inning. Junior reliever Brian Morrell pitched 1 2/3 innings and walked three batters of his own. Both Carney (0-1) and Morrell walked the first batter they faced.

"I don't know how many guys came in and walked their first batter," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "We had nine walks and two hit batters. We just put way too many people on base."

Schmitz said one of the turning points in the game was a botched suicide squeeze with the Panthers (18-20) trailing 5-3 in the top of the sixth.

Junior designated hitter Zach Skidmore and freshman right fielder Sean Estand both reached on hits, but Schmitz said freshman shortstop Cameron Strang didn't get a bunt down. Bradley's catcher tagged Skidmore out at home and Estand was thrown out at third.

Eastern returns to Ohio Valley Conference play with a three-game series against Samford in Birmingham, Ala. The series starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday with the first game of a doubleheader against the Bulldogs.

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Eastern junior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby gave up a three-run homer to SEMO senior shortstop Megan McDonald in the first inning.

After the first inning, she settled down. Jacoby (7-8) only gave up two

more hits the rest of the game.

"She was still mad for a while, and we talked about it in the dug-out, and we're like 'what's done is done,' Schuette said. "She did a good job of forgetting that, and the offense did a real good job of picking her up early."

Jacoby retired 11 straight SEMO batters from the last out of the first

inning to the first out of the fifth inning.

Eastern will play Morehead State in a key Ohio Valley Conference series this weekend. The first game begins with a doubleheader at noon on Saturday in Morehead, Ky.

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Wednesday's Game  
Eastern 4, Southeast Missouri 3

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
SEMO (23-22)	3	0	0
EIU (17-21)	0	2	1

WP: Jacoby, K. (7-8) LP: Fisher, E. (18-16)

E: Summers, M.; McDonald, M. –SEMO. DP: EIU 1. LOB: SEMO 5; EIU 11. 2B: Summers –SEMO. Nelson, M. –EIU. 3B: Coppert, S. –EIU. HR: McDonald –SEMO. HBP: Mackie, R. –EIU. SB: Ramirez, A. –SEMO. Jackson, M.; Nolle, A. 2 –EIU. SB: Nelson; Mackie, R.

Key Inning: Bottom of the fifth  
Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson doubled to drive in senior designated player Karyn Mackie for the game-winning run.

Wednesday's Game  
Bradley 11, Eastern 4

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU (18-20)	0	0	0
BU (18-19)	0	1	4

WP: Jensen, K. (4-0) LP: Carney, Z. (0-1)

E: Kneke, J.; Strang, C. –EIU. Brewer, D.; Fitzgerald, T. –BU. DP: EIU 1; BU 1. LOB: EIU 8; BU 11. 2B: Derbak, R.; Skidmore, Z. –EIU. Brewer, D. 2; Luttrell, C.; Fitzgerald; Hendricks, B. –BU. HR: Hendricks –BU. HBP: Nommensen, B.; Restko, C. –EIU; Fritz, M. –BU. SB: Estand, S. –EIU. CS: Nommensen; Skidmore; Estand.

Key Inning: Bottom of the third  
Bradley scored four runs on one hit, three walks and a wild pitch by Eastern junior reliever Brian Morrell for all the runs the Braves would need en route to their 11-4 win.

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MATT DANIELS  
DRC set  
to star

Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie is a name NFL fans will hear about for the next 10 years.

The Tennessee State defensive back may go in the Top 10 of the first round of this weekend's NFL Draft. According to nfldraftcountdown.com, he is slated to go to the Philadelphia Eagles at the No. 19 spot, but "after the shows he put on at both the Senior Bowl and the Scouting Combine he could very easily be gone long before this."

When Eastern played TSU in late October in Nashville, Tenn., Rodgers-Cromartie changed the course of the game early with a highlight-reel interception return.

He eyed Eastern quarterback Bodie Reeder rolling out to his right, and stepped in front of Eastern wide receiver Micah Rucker just as the ball was about to reach Rucker.

He gracefully picked the ball out of mid-air and without breaking stride, used his speed to outrun Eastern's offense down the right side of the field for a 69-yard touchdown.

It was truly a breath-taking play for a player to make, as the other players chasing Rodgers-Cromartie down the field appeared to be in slow motion. And, ironically, it was done on a field Rodgers-Cromartie could someday make his millions — LP Field, home of the Tennessee Titans.

If Rodgers-Cromartie, commonly referred to as DRC, is selected in the first round on Saturday, it would make him the first from Ohio Valley since Phil Simms out of Morehead State was drafted eighth overall in the 1979 draft. The OVC has had 111 players drafted from 16 different league schools in the conference's 60-year history.

The last player drafted from an OVC school came in the 2006 draft when the Tennessee Titans selected Samford defensive back Cortland Finnegan with the 215th pick in the seventh round.

Eastern probably won't have anyone from this year's team drafted. Rucker is the Panthers' best option, but mock draft boards have shown him possibly going in the late seventh round. He has the size necessary to become a dominant wide receiver in the league (6-6, 220), but he just needs that chance.

So sit back and enjoy the 48-hour marathon known as the NFL Draft. You may not have heard of some of the players drafted, but that doesn't mean you won't hear crowds chanting "DRC!" for years to come.

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COACH OF THE YEAR | BRADY SALLEE

COACHING STOPS MOLD PHILOSOPHY

15 years as an assistant develop coach's approach on the court

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee met with his team following a disappointing 2007 season.

The Panthers won just 10 games, and Sallee and his players talked about why they did not succeed to the expected level.

Those postseason meetings served as a forum for Sallee to not only sell a change in philosophy to his players, but more importantly, create a vision for what the team wanted to achieve the next season.

He said a lack of a unified vision was one thing he noticed during the 2007 season.

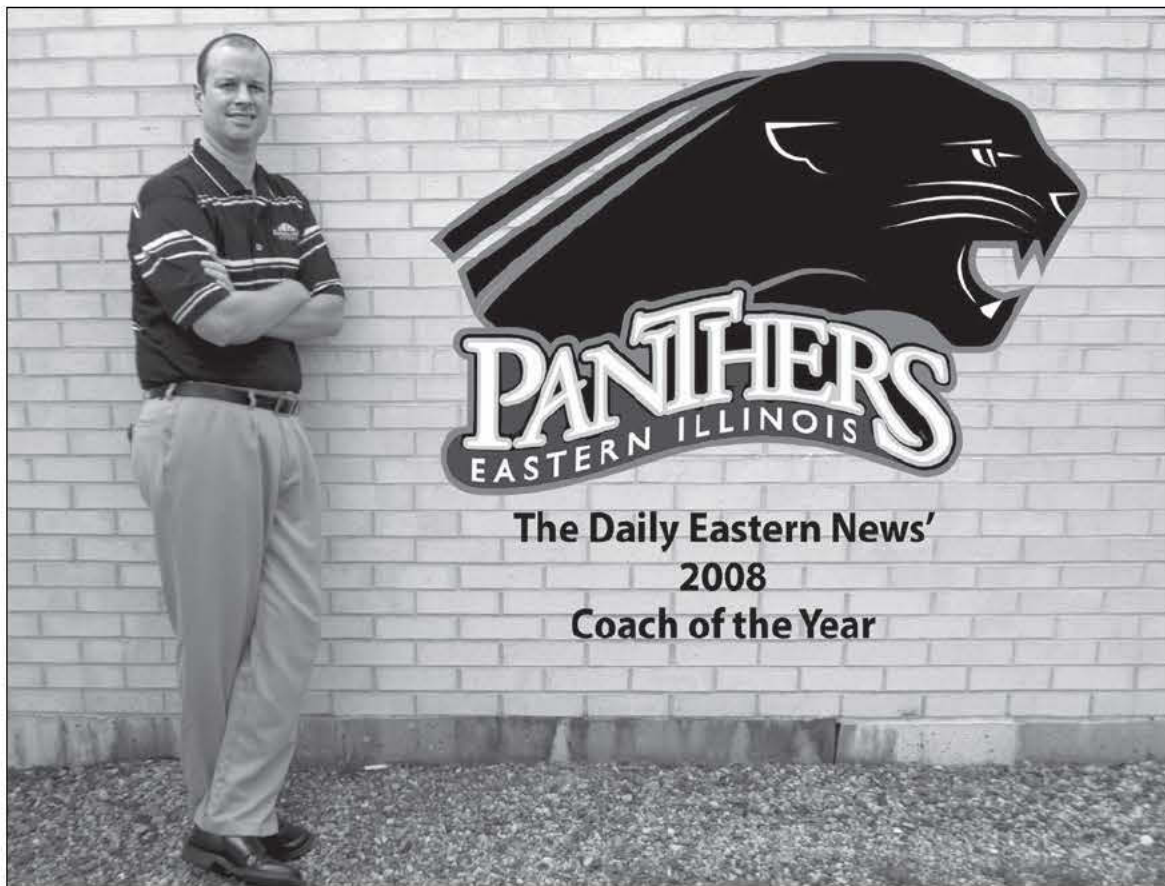
An effort by Sallee, *The Daily Eastern News'* Coach of the Year, to give the Panthers a unified vision for the 2008 season led to Eastern's success this year.

Eastern's successes were a 19-win season and a trip to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title game.

"At the beginning of every year, I put the goals out and the girls shared in them at times," Sallee said. "As the (2007) season progressed we didn't talk about it a whole lot. By the end of the year, we were kind of a lost soul. The vision wasn't in front of us. We were just kind of playing day-to-day. I identified that as something we had to change. We had to talk about that vision not only on day one but day 101, day 201."

That's the direction the post-2007 season meetings went. Sallee said the Panthers not only talked about a plan for the next season, but also started developing a way to execute it.

"We didn't necessarily talk about X's and O's," Sallee said. "We talked



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Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee led the Panthers to a 15-5 record in the Ohio Valley Conference, and the Panthers advanced to the OVC title game. Sallee was an assistant coach at Thomas More College, Idaho State, Kent State and East Carolina before becoming Eastern's head coach. His contract was extended through the 2011 season on Tuesday, giving him three more seasons with the Panthers.

about what was going on between our ears, and that's where we first started developing our goals."

As the Panthers moved into the 2008 preseason, however, X's and O's became important. Sallee's basketball philosophy became important. And that philosophy was simple: work hard.

"I want to be the hardest working team that we ever play," Sallee said. "That's probably as simple of a philosophy as I can make. I think there's a lot of ways to skin a cat offensively. I believe in sharing the basketball and having a balanced basketball team, but when it all comes down to it I think the team that works

the hardest most of the time wins. I want to hang our hat on how hard we play and how hard we compete."

That philosophy on how the game of basketball is played has roots 15 years earlier to Sallee's start as an assistant coach.

A pitcher's mentality

Sallee's first assistant coaching position was as a student assistant at Division III Thomas More College. But the basketball court was a new venue for Sallee. He was a baseball guy — a pitcher for Thomas More.

Sallee said the attitude he had as a pitcher has carried through his coaching style and especially in the

decisions he makes from the bench.

"To be a pitcher, you've got to have a little bit of an attitude," he said. "It's that me versus the world type of attitude. You've got to be able to stand on top of that hill and let your best be good enough. From an attitude standpoint, a toughness standpoint I think that's carried over into the way I think now."

Even though Sallee is no longer staring down batters from 60 feet, 6 inches away, he said coaching correlates to his time as a pitcher. But this time around he's the one calling the "pitches."

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SOFTBALL | EASTERN 4, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 3

Nelson's vision on target in victory

Team picks up key conference win

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson had pinkeye, but she didn't let it affect her vision.

Nelson went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, including the game-winning double in the bottom of the fifth inning to give Eastern a 4-3 win against Southeast Missouri on Wednesday at Williams Field.

Nelson said she noticed the pink-eye on Sunday night when the team got back from Jacksonville, Ala.

Nelson said eye drops have helped clear up her vision, but said the pinkeye hasn't affected her from seeing the ball.

After Nelson struck out in the first inning, she got a hit in her next three at bats.

"I had a lack of focus at that first at-bat," Nelson said. "I was just looking for one pitch. (SEMO senior



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Senior designated player Karyn Mackie hits the ball in the sixth inning of the Panthers' game against Southeast Missouri on Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field. Eastern won 4-3.

pitcher Elaine Fisher) just kept giving it to me. It was right there. I really don't think she had her best stuff."

Nelson's double to left field in the bottom of the fifth inning to score senior designated player Karyn

Mackie gave Eastern the Ohio Valley Conference win and keeps them in the running for a spot in the OVC Tournament.

Only the top six teams qualify for the tournament, and Eastern

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Jacksonville St.	16-4	29-13
E. Kentucky	14-7	25-15
Morehead St.	12-7	27-12
E. Illinois	9-6	17-21
SE Missouri	10-11	23-22
UT-Martin	7-8	23-22
Tenn. Tech	7-9	23-25-1
Samford	9-12	18-25
Tenn. State	7-14	15-32
Austin Peay	3-16	9-31

(17-21, 9-6 OVC) is in fourth place, while SEMO (23-22, 10-11) stayed in fifth place.

"Every win is key," Nelson said. "It feels good to play our game and kind of show them how we can play this year."

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said Eastern was more disciplined at the plate than the last time the Panthers played the Redhawks. SEMO beat Eastern in a doubleheader on March 25 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Friday at Drake Relays |  
All Day — Des Moines, Iowa

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

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

BASEBALL  
Saturday at Samford (DH) |  
1 p.m. — Birmingham, Ala.

SOFTBALL  
Sunday at Morehead State |  
Noon — Morehead, Ky.