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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS | PERSON OF THE YEAR



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, is this year's *The Daily Eastern News*' Person of the Year for his efforts in getting the Doudna Fine Arts Center built and for his years of dedication to Eastern.

Johnson: 'an Eastern icon'

Dean named *The Daily Eastern News*' Person of the Year for Fall 2008/Spring 2009

Editor's Note: Each year, The Daily Eastern News picks a person or group of people as the Person of the Year. This award is given to the individual or individuals who have most impacted Eastern students in a positive way during the course of the year.

The *Daily Eastern News*' Spring 2009 editorial board, comprised of Kristina Peters, editor in chief; Dylan Polk, opinions page editor; Matt Hopf, news editor; Tyler Angelo, managing editor; Kevin Murphy, Sports Editor; Erin Matherly, photo editor; and Nicole Weskerna, online editor, named James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, as this year's Person of the Year.

By DAVID THILL
Senior Reporter

Before long, there will not be many students left that remember an Eastern campus without the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Few will remember the bare steel skeleton propping up a single, concrete wall or walking around a gaping hole in the ground, flanked on all sides by a flimsy, chain-link fence.

Fewer still will recall attending an art class in what was once an Osco drug store or viewing orchestral concerts in McAfee Gymnasium. It stands to good reason, however, that many will remember the name of James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and this year's *The Daily Eastern News*' Person of the Year. And, most likely, they will remember him for much more than a handful of years.

A 1963 graduate of Emporia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art, Dean Johnson went on to receive his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Kansas in 1970.

He spent nearly a decade teaching at the University of Kansas and Arkansas State University before making his way to Eastern.

Along the way, he has spearheaded the effort to bring the Doudna Fine Arts Center from a plan on a desk to fruition, brought together several various departments to form the College of Arts and Humanities and strived to make the college a continued success.

Though, as several people attest, including Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and

Humanities, Johnson is much more than an administrator.

Johnson has a sense of humility that can be disarming and one that is rarely found in academia, Lynch said.

"You simply cannot meet a nicer man," he said. "People respond to how genuinely kind he is and how humble he can be about his talent - and he is extremely talented."

Having formed the College of Arts and Humanities alongside Johnson 13 years ago, Lynch has seen first-hand the type of leadership abilities that bring nothing but praise from the likes of President Emeritus Lou Hencken and Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"This job means keeping eight juggling balls in the air at all times, and then people come along and throw you three, four, five more balls," Lynch said.

Hencken said Johnson's enthusiasm and the fact he believes in the College of Arts and Humanities so strongly "shines through."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Volunteers to revamp Service Day

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

Panther Service Day will receive a revamping from previous years beginning 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Ryan Kerch, student vice president for student affairs, said he has collaborated with the Office of Student Community Service and Alison Mormino, former Eastern student body president, in expanding projects and effectiveness of the seventh annual Panther Service Day.

"It is probably a bigger undertaking than Panther Service Day has ever undergone," Kerch said. "Usually, Student Government works on this alone, but this year, we have gotten more in depth projects going."

"We have changed some things around like having an opening ceremony with President Bill Perry and Mayor John Inyart scheduled to appear, and the basketball band will entertain the volunteers during brunch," Kerch said.

Kersch said there would be a tent at the north entrance of Old Main towards Lincoln Ave. A brunch will be provided from 10:30 a.m. to noon with the opening ceremony beginning at 11:15 a.m.

So far, 60 to 70 students have pre-registered with some community members and about 20 alumni and their families.

At least 100 people will be present, but Kerch hopes 150 to 200 will sign.

"Having 200 would put us ahead from the past," Kerch said.

Rachel Fisher, interim director of the Student Community Service, said her office has helped coordinate the service projects past beautification.

"Our particular role was to help find other service projects in the community," Fisher said.

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STATE | LEGISLATION

Renewable Energy Center bill moved to Illinois house

By MATT HOPF
News Editor

Eastern is one step closer to building the proposed Renewable Energy Center Thursday as the Illinois Senate approved an amendment to the Public University Energy Conservation Act.

Senate Bill 2009 would allow the university to build the Renewable Energy Center as a pilot project.

It was approved by a 50-0 vote.

The bill will now move to the Illinois House, before it can be placed on Gov. Pat Quinn's desk for signing.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, introduced the bill in the House Thursday, after the Senate approved it.

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, who introduced the bill in February, said he

was cautiously optimistic about it.

He said Rose distributed 1,700 letters of support from Eastern students for the Renewable Energy Center to members of the House.

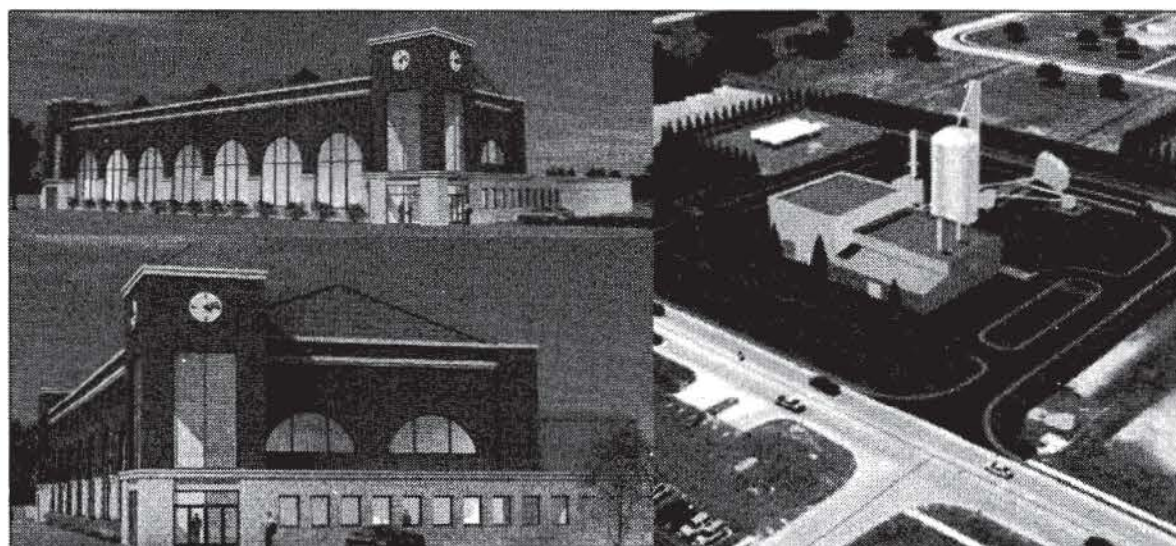
"He told me the response was really good," Righter said.

Letters were delivered to the General Assembly Wednesday during Rally Day, when 500 college students lobbied state legislators.

Concerns raised for amending the Public University Energy Conservation Act have been addressed, Righter said.

Concerns included making sure Eastern would not have to pay if the center did not create enough savings and concerns brought by labor unions and other state agencies.




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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The redesign of the Renewable Energy Center has been in debate. On the left are photos of the plant's redesign and on the right, is a photo of the original design.

EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF

The warmest weekend of the year has arrived with mostly sunny skies. Expect daytime highs to be in the low 80s through Sunday. Chance of rain showers on Tuesday.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Tearing down the hate



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Allison Salo, a freshmen communications major, unties one of the ropes that was used to pull down the 200 cinder-block-wall for the Resident Hall Association's Writing On The Wall Event around noon on Tuesday in the North Quad. The cinderblocks were painted by students with words and phrases that are considered offensive and knocked down to symbolize tearing down barriers for the Social Justice and Diversity Week.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Blagojevich to plug reality show in L.A.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he came to Los Angeles to promote a reality show because he wants to support the project even though a judge barred him from traveling abroad for it.

Blagojevich was filming promotional spots Thursday for NBC's "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!" in the Los Angeles Arboretum, a stand-in for the show's Costa Rica jungle setting.

"Perhaps I can play some other role in the show," he said, calling it "an exciting" concept.

He had hoped to be a contestant but a federal judge in Chicago this week refused to allow him to leave the country to do so.

Blagojevich, who was dressed in a suit and tie despite the outdoor setting, declined to say whether he was being paid for the promotional work.

He's set to attend a news conference Friday at which the show's cast will be announced.

He's pleaded not guilty to racketeering, fraud and other charges that allege - among other things - that he schemed to sell President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat.

Indian police end probe of 'Slumdog' star's dad

MUMBAI, India — Indian police said Thursday they would not charge the father of a child star in the hit movie "Slumdog Millionaire," and ended their investigation into claims he tried to sell his 9-year-old girl to a reporter posing as a wealthy sheik.

Rubina Ali's estranged mother, Khurshid Monish Dewade, filed a complaint against the girl's father on Sunday, after the British tabloid News of the World reported that he offered to give Ali up for adoption in exchange for \$400,000, police said.

The newspaper - owned by News International Ltd., the main British subsidiary of News Corp., which also owns "Slumdog" distributor Fox Searchlight Pictures - said the deal was allegedly offered to one of its reporters.

The newspaper issued a statement Thursday saying it stands by its story.

The father, Rafiq Qureshi, has denied any wrongdoing.

The accusations further complicated the lives of the families of the slum-dwelling child stars, who have come under intense scrutiny since the movie skyrocketed to Oscar-winning fame and grossed more than \$300 million worldwide.

"There is not any crime. The matter is closed," said Rahim Shaikh, the senior police inspector in Mumbai's Nirmal Nagar, where the claim against Qureshi was processed.

No charges have been filed, he added.

Police questioned Qureshi but were unable to track down the three journalists who carried out the alleged sting.

Officers looked for them at the Leela, a five-star hotel where the report said they met Qureshi, but they had already left, Shaikh said.

Police traced two mobile phone numbers the trio gave the hotel to local Vodafone SIM cards, which were activated on April 16 and de-

activated on April 19.

Indian police made no further efforts to contact the journalists or News of the World in England, Shaikh added.

"The matter is closed. No money changed hands. Rubina is here. There is no crime," he said.

After the report, Rubina's estranged mother thanked News of the World "for bringing this matter to light."

"You have come like angels for me and my daughter and saved her from ending up God knows where," she told the paper. "Who knows who Rubina would have been sold to, or what would have happened to my child if you hadn't exposed Rafiq."

Dewade could not be reached for comment Thursday.

'The Rachel Zoe Project' jumps the pond

NEW YORK — Put your resumes back where you got them, all you would-be fashionistas. Despite online rumors, Rachel Zoe hasn't posted an ad on craigslist looking for a new assistant.

"That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard," the celebrity stylist said Thursday in an interview. "I would never do that. I have a full staff and about five interns right now."

Zoe's TV show is going strong, too. And viewers in the United Kingdom will soon get a glimpse into Zoe's chaotic, stressful, but always fashionable life when "The Rachel Zoe Project" arrives on the Reality lifestyle channel beginning May 19. It will air every night at 11 p.m. GMT.

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CAMPUS | CRIME

On-campus burglaries increased

By EMILY ZULZ
Associate News Editor

The number of burglaries rose on-campus and in residence halls from 2006 to 2007.

On-campus burglaries increased by 64 percent from 11 burglaries in 2006 to 17 burglaries in 2007, according to Eastern's Annual Security Report for 2007 released in October. Residence hall burglaries doubled from five burglaries in 2006 to 10 in 2007.

"When you look at the percentage rise, it sounds like a lot," said university police officer Ryan Risinger.

But, he said when one looks at the numbers, like an increase of 6, it is not as shocking.

"Are we concerned about it?" he said. "Yes."

Risinger said the increase in the on-campus burglaries in 2007 were a result of a burglary spree in the Greek Court and the Ninth Street area.

He said the University Police Department put extra patrol officers in the area.

Risinger said the UPD did some overtime and put officers on roofs and in plain clothes in personal vehicles.

"Now those crimes have stopped ... hopefully it was our presence that did it," Risinger said.

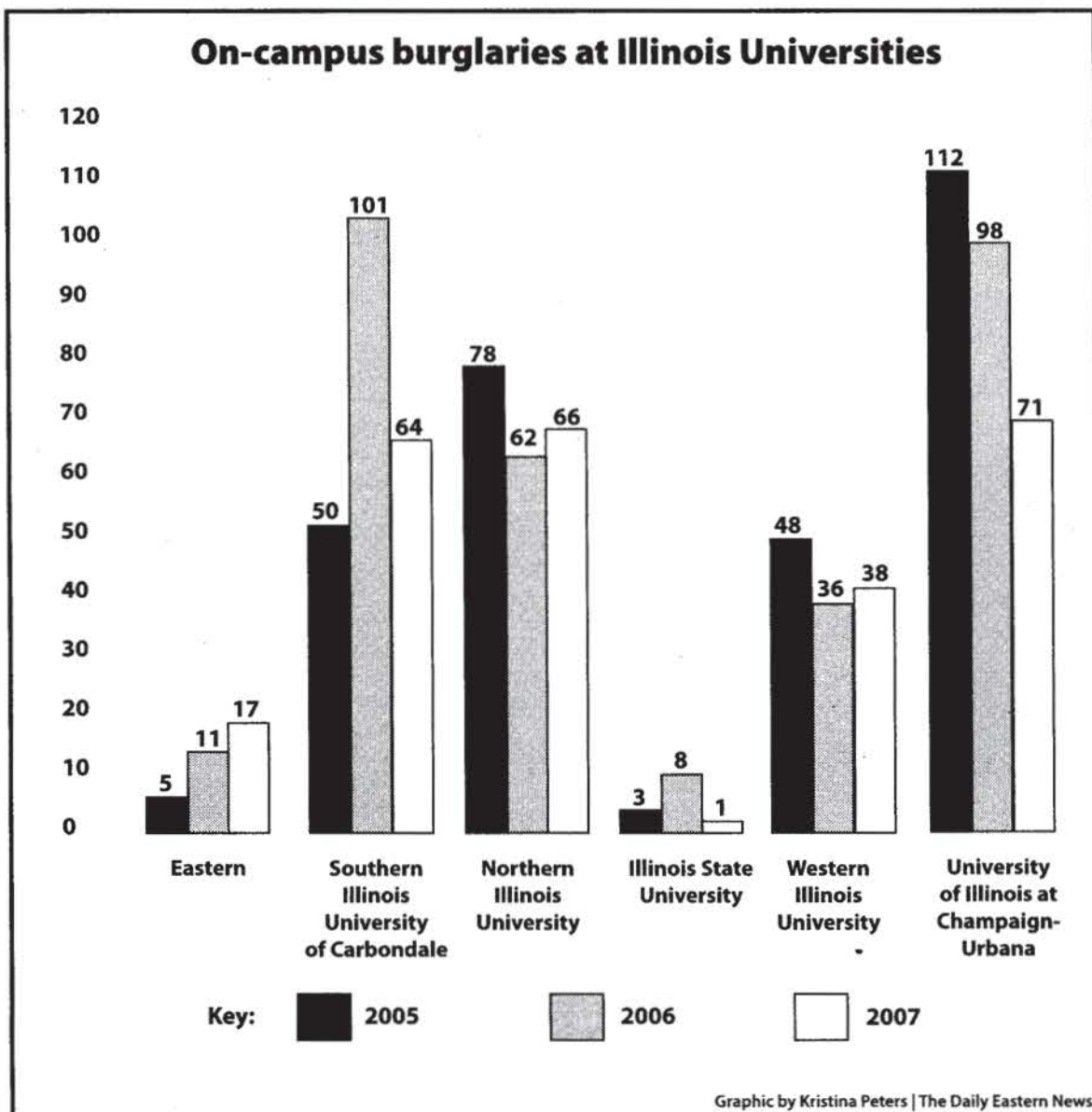
Risinger is hopeful that the recent increases in officers and foot and bike patrol will also have an effect.

"One of the best tools is presence," he said.

The UPD has hired about four more officers in the last year or so, Risinger said. Last summer, foot and bike patrol increased after encouragement to do more by administration, he said.

Other public universities in Illinois have seen either small increases in on-campus burglaries as well, or large decreases. Southern Illinois University Carbondale had 101 on-campus burglaries in 2006, which dropped to 64 in 2007. Northern Illinois University saw an increase from 62 burglaries in 2006 to 66 in 2007. Western Illinois University had 36 on-campus burglaries in 2006 and 38 in 2007, and Illinois State University had 8 burglaries in 2006, which dropped to one in 2007.

In residence halls, Risinger said the



UPD will patrol the lobbies and parking lots of the residence-halls but they limit their patrol on the floors.

He said the residents have a reasonable expectation of privacy there.

He said if the UPD has a reason to enter the floors, they will, but it is not something officers normally do.

Risinger said a lot of the theft from visitors.

If a roommate has a friend over, one has to be responsible of their belongings.

Risinger said it is often the small high-dollar gadgets, like iPods, laptops and game systems, that are stolen.

Of the burglary cases, he said some people do get caught.

"Often if it's the friend of the friend, (the UPD) can solve it by putting pressure on the roommate," Risinger said.

He said the UPD has also lifted fingerprints off of vehicles before. The surveillance cameras in the residence halls also help officers ID people.

Risinger said as the university gets more of these surveillance cameras, he hopes the UPD will see more of a decrease of burglaries.

To prevent thefts in the residence halls, Risinger said to lock the door at all times.

Whether taking a shower, going downstairs or walking next door, one should lock the door, he said.

"The open door is the opportunity for people," Risinger said.

He said most of the burglaries in the residence halls did not have doors kicked in, but the doors were left unlocked.

"People are waiting. A lot of crimes are crimes of opportunity," Risinger said.

He said these crimes could be people students know, people that have been in their rooms before.

In the case of a burglary, Risinger said to report the crime as soon as possible.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

State legislators visit campus

A forum featuring Illinois state legislators will be at 4 p.m. today in Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

The legislators coming to campus will include Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon; Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet; Rep. Roger Eddy, R-Hutsonville; Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Norris City; Rep. Dennis Reboletti, R-Addison; and Rep. Robert Flider, D-Mount Zion.

The legislators will participate in an open forum-style discussion, titled "Challenges for Illinois in a Time of Uncertainty."

The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The event sponsored by the Political Science Association in conjunction with the political science department and the Office of External Relations.

Saturn in view at observatory open house

The public is invited to view Saturn during Eastern's observatory open house at 8:30 p.m. today.

If skies are clear, attendees will also be able to view some globular clusters, which are groups of stars that orbit galactic cores.

The open house is part of Eastern's celebration of the International Year of Astronomy, which commemorates the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the skies, Kepler's publication of "Astronomia Nova" and other historic events in science.

The observatory houses a 16-inch telescope and is located southwest of the Campus Pond.

For more information, call the physics department at 581-3220.

Sixth Annual Memorial Walk/Run

The sixth annual Run for Shannon McNamara will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Campus Pond Pavilion and Panther Trail. McNamara was an Eastern student who was murdered during the summer of 2001. While at Eastern, she was a physical education major, a student worker at the Student Recreation Center and a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority.

Check-in begins at 1 p.m., and the run/walk starts at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$15. All proceeds go toward the Shannon McNamara Scholarship, which is awarded to a kinesiology and sports studies major.

For more information, contact Meghan Clavey at mtclavey@eiu.edu.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

An individual who had been previously banned from campus was reported to have been on Eastern property and harassing a student over the telephone on Tuesday, the University Police Department said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

SACIS to 'Shake it' for a good cause

SACIS provides services to Coles, Cumberland Counties

By Jacqueline Nathalie Loma
Staff Reporter

As part of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services is going to "Shake It for SACIS."

From 6 to 10 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, participants will dance to raise funds and increase community awareness of the sexual assault services.

Participants can choose to learn a variety of dances including hip-hop, swing, line dancing, waltz, cha cha, rumba, belly dancing, Buchata and salsa.

After the lessons, participants can gather to see area residents demonstrate various dances.

The entrance fee is \$5 and give-

aways will be awarded throughout the evening.

Throughout April, sexual violence prevention advocates promote activities to raise awareness of sexual assault and its prevention.

Bonnie Buckley, executive director of SACIS, said SACIS offers many service free of charge and confidential.

SACIS provides services to residents of Coles and Cumberland counties who have experienced sexual violence or who are the significant other of people who have been victimized.

Services include crisis counseling in person and through a 24-hour hotline at 348-5033 or (888) 345-2846.

Counseling and advocacy includes being with people during hospital procedures following an assault plus assisting people through police and court procedures.

SACIS provides public education programs for people of all ages, including puppet programs and curriculums for children and high school students. Professional trainings and

"Not only through the (SACIS) program was I able to educate myself, but now I am able to use the knowledge I gained and help others"

— Tynisa Watson, SACIS volunteer

institutional advocacy are also provided.

Tynisa Watson, a junior family and consumer sciences major, has volunteered with SACIS since her sophomore year.

"I volunteered because I wanted to gain more knowledge about sexual assault and help people," Watson said. "I went through the 40 hour training with SACIS my sophomore year, I believe, to become a trained sexual assault advocate. This by far was one of the best things I have done."

"Not only through the program was I able to educate myself, but

now I am able to use the knowledge I gained and help others."

Watson said the "Shake It for SACIS" even is a great cause that serves not only the campus but surrounding communities as well.

"Sexual assault is such a serious issue, and I hope our fundraiser will help more people become aware and want to get involved and go through sexual assault training just as I did," she said.

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JAMES STEWART

Leave hate and ignorance behind

This semester, I have written on a wide variety of topics, from PETA to Proposition 8, from Octomom to the new Facebook layout. I've talked about a lot. Normally, I sit at my desk the morning before my column comes out, and I stare at the Google News page, Fark.com and BBC's world news page waiting for a story to strike my interest. Sometimes I have an agenda to further but not often. I'm generally content to sit back and mock those who take themselves far too seriously. However, at this point, I have an opportunity I cannot pass up.

Thursday night in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building, representatives from EIU Pride sat before the campus community to field questions from the general population. They sat unashamed before the assembly, asking only to be respected and patiently awaited the questions – serious or not – they had prepared to field for months. This was the EIU Pride Campus-Wide Panel.

Some students – especially those in family and consumer sciences, counseling and psychology, and the school of education – are familiar with an EIU Pride Panel. Pride is the only organized voice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender interests at Eastern. As such, they provide an important educational service: They offer to come into classes and introduce themselves, tell their stories and field questions from students. The questions range from, "When did you know you were gay/bisexual/lesbian?" to, "How does sex between two men/women work?" The panelists answer the questions they are comfortable with. The purpose of these panels is to educate individuals about gay people. Some individuals at Eastern have never met an LGBT person. Therefore, everything they know is second-hand knowledge from news sources and friends. The panels seek to speak to those people and answer the questions that they don't have any venue to ask otherwise.

Even if you missed the EIU Pride Campus-Wide Panel, that doesn't mean your question – if you have one – needs to go unanswered. You don't need to have a question. If you disagree with homosexuality, all the better. Representatives from the gay community can be found on Facebook. Just search for "EIU Pride" and send a message to any of the administrators of the site.

Why am I saying this? Because there is a lot of hate in the world. There is a lot of hate at Eastern. Hate comes from ignorance, and education stops ignorance. If you're informed and you still hate, then you are a fool. Every human being deserves to be respected because they are creations of God. If you don't believe in God, then let me rephrase: Every human being deserves to be respected because they are alive. They deserve the same respect you expect to receive.

You don't have to accept, but you do have to acknowledge, tolerate and respect. To do otherwise is to forfeit your own right to the respect you should receive because you are alive. Fight ignorance. Fight hate. It's your job to educate yourself.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

University administrators right to listen to town residents

Imagine waking up every morning to see smokestacks and gaudy construction outside your window.

You've just moved into the house, but the industrial monstrosity across the street has plunged your property value to almost worthless.

For Charleston residents, such worries were addressed Wednesday night as President Bill Perry unveiled a redesign for the proposed Renewable Energy Center.

And what a redesign it is.

Rather than the industrial monstrosity opposed by many community members, the university seems to have settled for a more subtle facility that blends with, even enhances, the surrounding area.

No more tawdry smokestacks. With the redesign, a sloping roof cleverly hides the smokestacks.

No more worries of clogging traffic on 18th Street; the new truck entrance has been placed on Edgar Drive.

With the Renewable Energy Center's redesign, the university has shown it listens and cares about the community members' concerns.

Among the Charleston residents present at the meeting was Andy Trueblood, who commended the administration for the redesigned plant.

"It's a thousand percent improvement," he said.

Trueblood thanked the university for asking Charleston residents to be a part of the process since it was originally proposed in November 2008.

Since then, Charleston residents like Trueblood expressed their concerns to university administrators, citing property val-

"With the Renewable Energy Center's redesign, the university has shown it listens and cares about the community members' concerns."

ue and community aesthetics as reasons they opposed the initial design of the Renewable Energy Center.

And the university listened.

Administrators showed they cared about the community.

They redesigned an entire facility to meet the needs of the community, to build an energy center that would not just benefit Eastern, but Charleston too.

University administrators should be applauded for listening to Charleston residents and planning the Renewable Energy Center, and redesigning the plant when the community objected to initial designs.

The university should keep up this practice in the future when other buildings or facilities are to be constructed.

For now, administrators have established a model of how a university and the surrounding community should interact.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

TORTURE IS NOTHING NEW

KENTUCKY — The latest issue getting everyone all hot and bothered is torture. President Barack Obama released memos used by the Bush administration to justify torture, but has sent mixed signals about pursuing prosecutions for those involved. If you've been alive and breathing, you know that this attempt at the middle ground has mostly backfired. Apparently everyone with a mouth and a microphone disagrees with him in about a thousand different ways.

First, I'd like to point out to everyone on all sides that we knew most of this before. We didn't know some specifics, like Kha-

lid Sheikh Mohammed being waterboarded 183 times in a month, but we knew enough. Since this debate has fallen mostly along party lines, I'll address those sides.

Conservatives: Everyone knew most of this, so give your "outrage" at Obama's "carelessness" a rest. Many conservative pundits have taken some death-defying leaps of logic to surmise the release of the memos will somehow make us less safe. To think that a terrorist who'd run into a mosque strapped to a bomb will somehow be "emboldened" because he'll no longer get slapped if in U.S. custody is ludicrous. They hate us for a number of reasons, which already includes past torture, so nothing's changed. They want to wipe us

off the map just the same.

Liberals: Everyone knew most of this, so why are you just now screaming bloody murder? You only stand up to torture once you have someone sympathetic to your cause in the White House? Not only that, but stop calling for the heads of everyone involved. Whether some could have stood up to their orders is a moot point now; for better or worse, they were doing their jobs. Direct your anger at the higher-ups who ordered torture and bastardized the Constitution and Geneva Conventions to justify it.

Andrew Waldner
Kentucky Kernel

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» Johnson

FROM PAGE 1

"Jim Johnson is an example of one of the great people and leaders this university has," Hencken said.

Lynch said one of the keys to Johnson's success, and by association of the college itself, is that "he has never lost sight of the fact that the college is much more than the sum total of its faculty, students and staff."

Dan Crews, director promotions and publicity for the College of Arts and Humanities, said it was his first interaction with Johnson that left a lasting impression.

In 1989, when Crews came to Eastern, Johnson was working as the chair of the art department.

"We had weekly meetings in the dean's office," Crews said. "(Johnson) was one of the first people who came up and greeted me and wished me well. I have always remembered that gesture of genuine hospitality and welcome."

Crews said Johnson has always displayed concern and care for both the faculty and students of the college.

"He was never too busy to help someone in need," Crews said. "Once you get to know someone like Jim Johnson, you can't help but admire him."

Johnson, who will be retiring in June, said once someone gets to this point in his or her career, they cannot help but look back at their personal and professional experiences.

"I've been very blessed with the people and opportunities I've had," Johnson said. "To be able to work with the faculty and staff to develop a new college and to be able to help shape its future has been very rewarding."

"It's just been a fantastic experience. I cannot think of a better career to have than the one I've had."

And Johnson's feelings about the college reflect the sentiment felt by Crews all those years ago.

When speaking of the success of the college, he is quick to say the success lies in its departments and the faculty, staff and students that make them possible.

"The college is all about the students. The students and the faculty making themselves available to those students," he said. "I've always tried to be a reflection on those values."

In an e-mail, Lord called Johnson an "exemplary administrator."

"Eastern and the College of Arts and Humanities have been blessed to have him serve so effectively as dean," Lord said. "As wonderful as he is as an administrator, however, he is an even more wonderful person."

Beyond the day-to-day administrative functions, though, lies perhaps Johnson's greatest achievement - one of the largest and most visible examples of his 'beyond the call' efforts - the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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"(Doudna) has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me, both personally and professionally," he said. "But really, it was a collaborative university effort. We all had a strong belief it would happen. A great deal of credit must go to the faculty and students who rose to that occasion (of difficulty during construction.)"

If Johnson seems humble and eager to spread any and all credit to others, it's because he is. Though, there is no shortage in those around him who would give all credit back to him.

On discussing the creation and existence of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, Lynch said simply that Johnson was "absolutely central."

Hencken, who made several trips, traveling across the country with Johnson in order to acquire private money that was necessary to the completion of the building, said it was Johnson's dedication to the college and making sure faculty and staff knew that.

"I don't think anyone anticipated the amount of time we would be out of Doudna," Hencken said. "Jim kept the department running. I think the faculty realized that he was looking out for their best interests."

Hencken recalled back to a time when multiple classes had to be held off campus and the difficulty of juggling scheduling and logistics.

"I'm 99 percent sure enrollment in those areas (displaced off campus) actually went up over those years," he said. "To have classes in an old grocery store and to see enrollment actually go up really speaks to (Johnson's) quality of leadership."

"Caring. Real. Genuine. Jim Johnson is definitely going to be missed."

Lord said it is difficult to even imagine Doudna, as it exists today, without Johnson.

"Dean Johnson has been instrumental in making it all possible," Lord said. "Under his leadership, the fine arts and the fine arts center have brought Eastern to a new level of excellence in this area."

Crews called the fine arts center a "gem in the state of Illinois."

"From the first moment it was discussed...to the day Doudna Fine Arts Center opened, Jim Johnson poured his heart and soul in the planning," Crews said.

"He simply wouldn't let it die," Hencken asserted.

"Through all the difficulties in acquiring funds and avoiding the inevitable red tape that accompanies such endeavors, though, Johnson would not let the project fail."

"He kept everybody believing, and he kept pushing," Hencken said.

As he prepares for retirement, those around him cannot help but ponder at the difficulty of replacing Johnson.

"He's dedicated his life to the institution," Crews said. "He never did it for personal glory, but for the over-all betterment of the university."

THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS' PAST PERSONS OF THE YEAR

- **2008** - Ken Baker, interim athletic director
- **2007** - Lou Hencken, president
- **2006** - Ryan Berger, student body president
- **2005** - Alan Baharlou, former geology chair
- **2004** - Johnetta Jones, former director of minority affairs
- **2003** - Father Chris Brey and Roy Lanham of the Newman Catholic Center
- **2002** - Lou Hencken, president
- **2001** - Rick Samuels, men's basketball coach
- **2000** - David Radavich, University Professional of Illinois negotiating team
- **1999** - Melissa Gertin, student who pushed for Panther Express
- **1998** - Members of The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 981

And as always, Lynch has seen and felt the strains of the job and realizes what Johnson's retirement will mean not only for the university but also for the man himself.

"If ever a man has earned retirement, it's Jim Johnson," Lynch said. "He can go back to his family that he loves deeply. This job requires sacrifice, it will eat you up."

"But he gets to go back to his art and I think he will thrive in retirement."

Johnson also acknowledges that he could not have done this job alone.

"I always felt I had the support of my colleagues and the university," he said. "But especially my family, my wife Wanda, my three sons: Kirby, Brent and Tyler, and my daughter-in-law Bridget."

"I'm very proud of this college," he said. "Again, I've been so blessed to have had the opportunities I've had."

It seems few, if any, around Johnson could find anything less than glowing remarks about his impact on campus, his impact on the faculty, staff and students that comprise the College of Arts and Humanities, and those that work with and around him.

Lord's feelings on Johnson?

"I would simply say, be sure to thank Dean Johnson for all he has done," Lord said. "And tell him how great his legacy is and will be. He will be missed profoundly."

Perhaps Crews sums it up most succinctly: "He's an Eastern icon."

And he is *The Daily Eastern News'* Person of the Year.

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» Energy

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"There is not a downside to this," Righter said.

Eastern President Bill Perry said the university would wait and see what the House does with the bill.

"We have to wait and see which committee it's assigned to," he said. "That committee may ask for testimony or further information. Just as in the Senate side, it went to a particular committee, and they accepted testimony on the amendments and so forth."

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said Righter and Paul McCann, interim vice president for external relations, testified in front of the Senate Energy Committee Thursday.

If approved by the House and signed by the governor, the next step for the administration would be to present a proposal to the Board of Trustees.

The earliest possibility of taking a proposal to the board would be June 22.

Perry told Charleston residents Wednesday at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library they would receive 30 days notice if a proposal was being sent to the board.

"If we were going to present, then we would let them know by May 22," he said.

The \$40 million project would be funded through bonds paid back through energy savings.

The Renewable Energy Center will be built near the intersection of 18th Street and Edgar Drive. The biomass gasifier would supply the university's heating and cooling needs by burning plant matter.

If constructed, the center will replace the steam plant, which is operating on 1928 technology. Construction of the center was announced in November, but the administration retracted the announcement, citing the economy as a reason not to proceed with construction.

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» Service

FROM PAGE 1

"Our office said, 'We could help find other options for people to do,' and we got 10 different sites going on that day. The cause is outstanding, and it is a wonderful legacy that in the last six years, we are really engaging in making our community better place."

Mormino, a 2002 graduate, was the founder of Panther Ser-

vice Day.

She is a member of the Charleston Rotary club in Charleston and is helping with replacing Rotary trash cans in Morton Park and around town.

"(Mormino) is involved in many community groups, so she brings in a good community perspective," Fisher said. "She also is a legacy with having been there since the beginning," Fisher said. "How wonderful to have the creator there as we now this year

starting to do a face lift with serving in all capacities."

Fisher said there would be three buses to take volunteers to Mattoon and around Coles County. Kerch said people would help clean off-campus housing north of Lincoln Ave. and recreational areas at Lake Charleston.

He said there would be painting the Mattoon's Salvation Army Building's Nursery and volunteer at Mattoon's YMCA.

Volunteers could help clean and

sort storage rooms for Charleston's Eastern's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois.

Volunteers stationed in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will assemble Red Cross emergency prep kits that will be made and distributed throughout Coles County.

Over \$1,000 of goods has been donated.

Kerch said the Alumni Association is providing food for the volunteers and contacting alumni and

community members about helping out. Bottled water was donated by County Market.

Student Government and Office of Community Service spent \$800 for the T-shirts.

Kerch said volunteers who pre-register will receive a shirt, and those who show up Saturday will receive one of a first-come-first serve basis.

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CAMPUS | RESIDENCE HALL

Pemberton Hall continues time capsule tradition

Current residents
to leave items
for discovery in 2069

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

A letter and a beer stein were some of the few items found in a time capsule buried by the Pemberton Hall residents in 1979.

Now, current residents of the hall will continue the tradition and bury a time capsule of their own around 1:15 p.m. on Sunday on the east side of the building.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said it is important for the residents of Pemberton to continue the tradition of the time capsules.

"There have been three that have been buried," he said. "The '63 capsule was dug up by the people in '69. The '69 was dug up by the group in '79, and the '79 was just dug up this school year."

Residents of Pemberton Hall came across information about the time capsules during the preparation period for the "100 years of Pemberton Hall" celebration that took place during the 2008 Homecoming weekend.

Emily Steele, the hall council president for Pemberton, said they knew the general area of the time capsule and had set up a

time to dig it.

"This was part of the activities during the Pemberton Hall celebration," she said.

When the residents dug up the capsule, they found a tin box with several items. Steele said some of the items in the box were a beer stein, a thimble and a greeting letter.

"The letter they left us was wet, and they had put it in plastic or something," she said. "We had to unfold it and piece it back together."

Steele said the letter spoke of the previous time capsule the older residents had dug that was buried in 1969.

"They told us in the letter that they dug up the previous one and that they lived in Pemberton, and they were part of Pemberton's sorority, Phi Ep (Phi Epsilon Nu)," she said. "There was a mini beer stein and it was from a local bar in the area. It was really the most exciting thing."

Steele said the current residents of Pemberton Hall are excited about the time capsule they plan to bury Sunday afternoon.

"We sat down at a council meeting and said we were going to do another one and have it to be dug up in the next 50 years," she said.

When it comes to the items in this year's time capsule, Steele said Pemberton's hall council thought of fun ways to go about it.

Steele said the residents were thinking

about putting a flash drive or CD in the time capsule, but did not know if that would be possible due to technology's innovation in the next 50 years.

"I think we are buying a DVD player or CD player, something to put in there," she said. "So if they don't have that technology currently available, they can use it to open it."

Steele said the residents have also written a letter as a hall council.

"We wanted to tell them what was going on in 2008," she said. "A lot of people put pictures in there also."

Steele said keeping up with the traditions of the time capsule is important because of the Pemberton Hall's rich history.

"Looking back at the women who came back and the research that was presented during Homecoming weekend was just astounding," she said.

Steele said some of the residents realize when their time capsule is dug up in 50 years that the next generation will laugh at them.

"They are going to open our music and say what is this, and what are they wearing, but we want them to be as interested on how we were living," she said. "I want them to realize that life in Pemberton is always fun."

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Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining, examines artifacts found in a time capsule, which was buried in 1979, at Pemberton Hall on Oct. 14, 2008.

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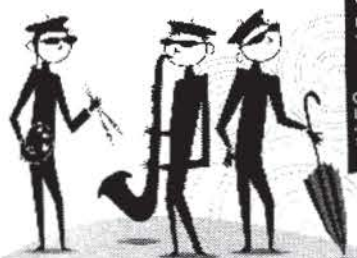
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CAMPUS | MEETING

Frisbee golf proposal turned down

Apportionment Board turns down additional nine-holes to existing golf course

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

The Apportionment Board voted against the Frisbee Golf Course proposal during Thursday night's meeting.

The proposal was for the request of an additional nine holes to the existing nine-hole course.

The Student Government sent three resolutions back to the AB to look at again after Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, explained the circumstances of the student activities reserve account during Wednesday night's meeting.

McCann said the account is less likely to be depleted than the AB

originally thought.

The proposals sent back were the \$15,000 Frisbee Golf Course proposal, the \$7,447 University Board Productions proposal and the \$1,500 Apportionment Board Computer proposal.

AB Chair Tiffany Turner agreed with the actions the Student Government voted on.

"With what came up last night, I think it was important that it came back to (the) Apportionment Board, so we all were completely in the loop, and they had the information up to date, so they knew that it wasn't urgent anymore," Turner said. "It changed the perspective on a lot of things, and I think it showed through the vote tonight."

The AB failed the Frisbee Golf Course proposal with a vote of 1-0-9.

AB member Pat Lindstrom voted against the proposal, but he said he is not opposed to Frisbee golf, but

he disagrees with the timing of the proposal.

"I simply think it is a large sum of money to spend right now when we're not sure how much money we will have next year," Lindstrom said. "Next year, when we know the sum we have to work with, they can come back, and we can make a more educated decision."

Orion Buckingham spoke to the AB about the UB Productions proposal. The UB made adjustments prior to the AB meeting and cut \$1,194 from the initial request.

"We only have two speakers with enough sound to fill a room the size of the University Ballroom, and if those fail, that pretty much puts any event going on hold for the next two weeks or longer," Buckingham said.

The AB passed the revised proposal containing two Public Address speakers, six radios with accessories and one CD player at a total of \$6,253.

The AB Computer proposal was dropped at the request of Laurel Fuqua, the Student Activities Center secretary. The computer would have replaced the one currently in her office.

Fuqua said she originally requested a new computer only when she thought the money had to be spent.

In other business, a line item transfer from the Student Government was passed after being divided into five different sections.

Speaker of the Senate Drew Griffin said these transfers were requested after McCann suggested the best thing for the organizations to do would be to spend down their individual accounts.

The line item request passed at \$3,821.

This was the AB's last meeting of the semester.

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LOCAL | BUSINESS

Lincoln Log site reopens after closure

Historic site welcomes guests after reopening its doors to visitors

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

The Lincoln Log Cabin state historic site near Lerna reopened yesterday, nearly five months after state budget cuts forced its closure.

The site's once empty parking lots were scattered with cars and school buses, and the smell of wood smoke hung in the air. Walking among the 1800s period buildings were students from East Richland Community School District, led by volunteer tour guides in period dress.

"Blisters ... that means you've been working hard," said one boy after participating in a handsaw demonstration.

The park reopened after an agreement between Gov. Pat Quinn and the state legislature.

"A supplemental budget was passed by the legislature which allowed us to reopen," said site manager Matthew Mittelstaedt.

Organizers have already scheduled the site's annual "Sheep to Clothing" on May 9, Mittelstaedt said.

The event shows "the process of pre-industrialized woolen cloth manufacture from ... shearing the sheep to sewing the garments from finished cloth," according to the Lincoln Log Cabin Web site.

Mittelstaedt said the event coincides with the opening of "Fiber to Fabric," Lincoln Log Cabin's new display on hand weaving. Although the site had been closed since Dec. 1, volunteers said they have been working for most of that time to prepare for the site to reopen.

"What a lot of people don't know is ... we've been (working) here, we just weren't officially open," said Rex Colgrove, a Mattoon High School student who volunteers at the site. "We're bringing it back gradually."

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STATE | PROJECT

Village drops legal challenge of O'Hare expansion

The Associated Press

ELK GROVE VILLAGE — A Chicago suburb is dropping its yearslong legal challenge of the \$15 billion expansion of O'Hare International Airport after learning the state no longer is considering building a road that would have cut through part of the village, officials said Thursday.

Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson said that a plan to build a roadway on the edge of a business park would help the village because it would make it easier for the people who work there and live nearby to get around.

"Today is a definite win for the community," said Johnson, who said the village is also pulling out of the Suburban O'Hare Commission. Illinois Department of Transportation spokeswoman Marissa Kol-

lias confirmed Thursday that the department is no longer considering the road through the business park.

Johnson said such a roadway would have forced businesses to move and cost the village thousands of jobs and millions of tax dollars.

STATE | BUDGET

Leaders say Quinn needs to work for tax increase

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Top legislative leaders say they are looking forward to budget negotiations next week, but say the governor will have to lobby lawmakers hard if he wants them to bite on his income tax plan.

Senate President John Cullerton said Thursday that Gov. Pat Quinn's proposal, which includes a tax increase, program cuts and budget maneuvers, does not have enough support in the Senate.

But Quinn, who says it will help fix a major budget hole, said his is

the only plan in town.

While all parties have said they are willing to negotiate, they have tough decisions ahead.

The state faces more than an \$11.6 billion budget deficit, a long list of repairs on schools and bridges and a skyrocketing unemployment rate.

"Hercules, if he were here, would say these are big challenges," Quinn said.

Legislators will spend the next five weeks hashing out the budget in hopes of approving it by May 31, the end of the legislative session.

Christine Radogno, the top Senate Republican, said the state could first consider budget cuts and ways to make government more efficient. She said the state should also focus on a construction program that could create \$340,000 jobs to jumpstart the economy.

Some Democrats said they want a construction plan too, but neither have settled on a way to pay for it.

House Speaker Michael Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said he doesn't know what kind of support Quinn has for an income tax increase in the House, but said it is

going to take a lot of cooperation to iron out a budget that will help the deficit.

A construction bill could take a back seat to the state's annual budget, which Quinn says needs an income tax increase to bail it out of a deepening financial hole.

While Cullerton said there is not enough support for the governor's proposal in the Senate as is, his chamber is ready to work out the details.

Quinn, who said he's confident legislators will pass a fair budget, said he is ready to negotiate.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF | OVC TOURNAMENT GLANCE

Riordan leads after first round

Team ends first round in seventh; shoots 324

By **DAN CUSACK**
Staff Reporter

Eastern senior Carrie Riordan shot a two-over 74 to put her in first place after the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at Crooked Creek Community Golf Course in London, Ky.

Riordan birdied one hole on the front nine and bogeyed two, but shot only one over in the back nine to take the two-stroke advantage against Laura Cutler of Jacksonville State and Joyce Trus of Murray State.

Riordan said she was not thinking about her score, and as she was playing, she just concentrated on hitting shots.

"In the front nine, I wasn't hitting greens, but I was putting the ball well," Riordan said. "On the back nine, I was hitting the greens, but I was two or three putting."

She said she wants to keep everything going the way it is because she knows eventually the putts will fall.

The team ended its first action in seventh place out of eight teams.

Eastern, who shot 324 (plus-36), finished two strokes behind sixth place Eastern Kentucky, four strokes behind fifth place Morehead State and five strokes behind fourth place Austin Peay.

Junior Katie Imburgia finished with an 81 (plus-9).

She said she was not happy with

how she played in the first round.

"I hit the ball well, but I did not do a job putting," Imburgia said. "I practiced after the round putting. I am confident now I will do better tomorrow."

She said the weather was the best they had played in all spring, but the course had a lot of mud because of the rain from earlier this week.

Freshman Kathryn Koester finished with an 84 (plus-12) with senior Michelle Anderson and junior Jaymie Voorhees both shooting 85 (plus-13).

Murray State is in the lead with a first round score of 312 (plus-24) and is followed by Austin Peay 316 (plus-28).

"After the round, we came back kind of bummed, but we went online and saw the scores and saw we were only 12 shots back, which changed everything," Imburgia said. "I think we will absolutely do better tomorrow and move our way up the leaderboard."

Riordan said 12 strokes is not that much, and she thinks the team can make a run at the leaderboard.

Second round play will continue tomorrow, with the third and final round being held Saturday.

Men prepares for tourney

The Eastern men's golf team will begin the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Monday at The Shoals Golf Course in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The team will leave Saturday for the tournament to meet up with head coach Mike Moncel, who is

at the women's tournament, and be in Alabama in time for practice rounds on Sunday.

The team is coming off of a win in a triangular tournament against Chicago State and Southern Illinois Edwardsville.

Freshman Gino Parrodi said that was a small tournament, but it was good practice for Eastern.

He said the team has played well at times during the year, but they have not played consistently throughout an entire tournament. He thinks the tournament will be different.

"We have had some good weather this week and we have been hitting the ball well," Parrodi said. "Everyone is feeling good, and I think we should do well this weekend."

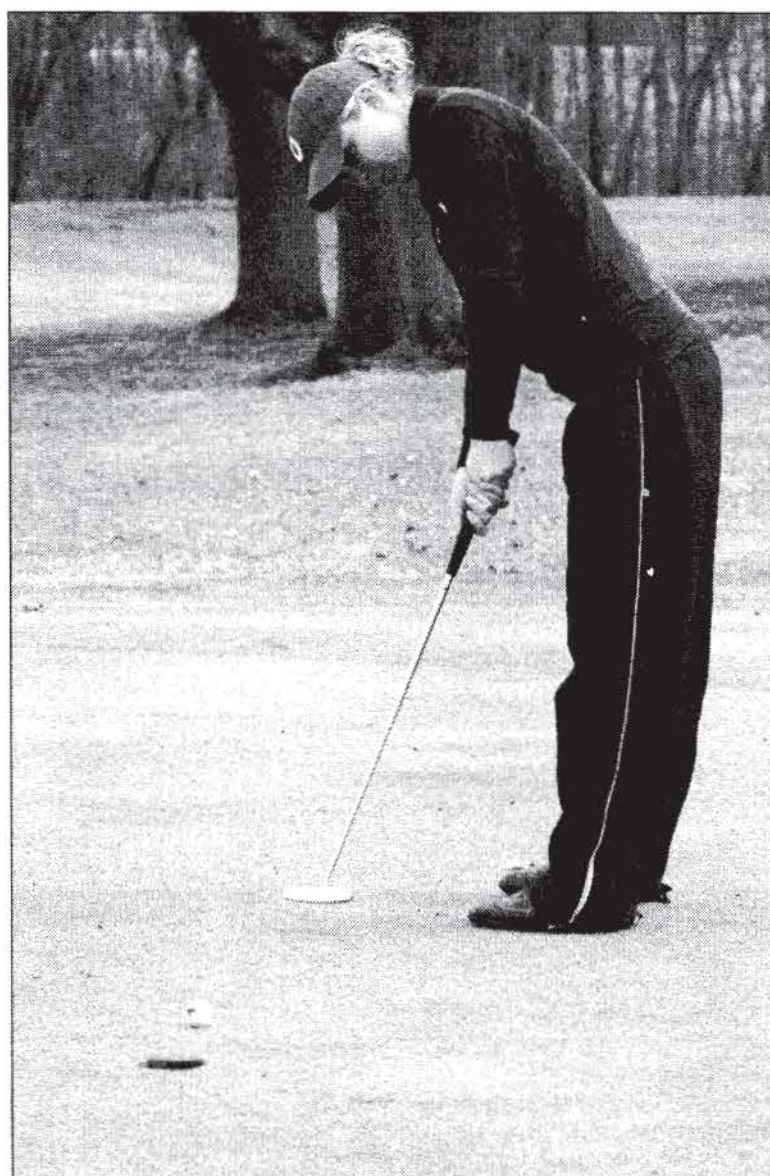
Junior Matt Bird said the team's training went well Thursday, and the players were hitting the ball well.

He said although the team has to worry about the second to last week of school, the team will be ready.

Parrodi said it is late enough in the season that they have played enough rounds that they are comfortable. He said he was met his own expectations for his freshman year, but hopes he can play well this weekend.

The first round is scheduled for Monday with the tournament concluding Wednesday.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Sarah Magee watches the ball after driving it into the second hole during practice on March 9 at the Mattoon Country Club.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Football set for spring game

The Eastern football team will play its spring game at 9:50 a.m. Saturday at O'Brien Stadium.

Last season, there was a special scoring system because there were not enough healthy players. This year there will be a Blue-White intra-squad game.

Soccer teams wrapping up spring competition

The Eastern men's and women's

soccer teams close their spring schedules Saturday.

The men's team is playing Parkland College at 9 a.m. and Rose-Hulman at 11:30 a.m. at either Lakeside Field or the practice field south of Coaches Stadium.

The matches will be 60-minute contests split into a pair of 30-minute halves. Unlimited substitutions will be permitted.

Parkland College will play Rose-

Hulman at 10:15 a.m.

The Eastern women play Valparaiso at 3 p.m. at Lakeside Field. Unlimited substitutions will also be in effect.

The game is expected to be a standard 90-minute contest featuring two 45-minute halves.

-Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

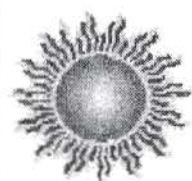
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BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Eastern Illinois	10-3	28-9
SE Missouri	9-3	23-15
Jacksonville State	7-5	23-11
Murray State	5-5	23-15
Morehead State	7-7	14-22
Eastern Kentucky	6-8	20-17
Tennessee Tech	5-8	19-16
Austin Peay	3-7	17-23
Tennessee Martin	3-9	14-23

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Jacksonville State	14-1	31-9
Morehead State	11-7	30-14
Tennessee Martin	9-8	29-18
SE Missouri	9-8	20-19
Eastern Illinois	8-8	24-21
Eastern Kentucky	7-8	18-19
Tennessee Tech	9-10	23-27
Tennessee State	8-12	17-27
Austin Peay	2-14	12-32



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BASEBALL | EASTERN 11, ILLINOIS COLLEGE 1

Reserves lead to route



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Eastern sophomore shortstop Cam Strang fires the ball across the infield during the team's 11-1 win against Illinois College Thursday at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers play Southern Illinois Edwardsville this weekend in a three-game series at Coaches Stadium.

Carney, Guttosch combine to pitch eight innings at Coaches Stadium

By **COLLIN WHITCHURCH**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team rolled to an 11-1 victory Thursday afternoon at Coaches Stadium in a game that saw several starters resting and a handful of reserves in action.

The entire Eastern infield rested, with seniors Zach Skidmore, Jordan Kreke and Jordan Tokarz, and junior Jake Samuels all getting the day off. But the reserves taking their place had little problem with the Division-III Blueboys (8-13).

Junior first baseman Alex Gee, who platoons with Samuels, scored four runs and hit his fourth home run of the year, junior left fielder Chris Ulrey went 2-for-3, and the combination of sophomore right-hander Zach Carney and senior right-hander Alex Guttosch combined for eight innings of eight hit, one run ball for the Panthers (29-9).

Carney picked up his first career win.

"We play a lot of games in three days, so obviously I needed to get a lot of people in who you never know when I'm going to need to use them," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Carney threw the ball well. He threw strikes."

The game ended in the bottom of the eighth inning when the Panthers took a 10-run lead.

Schmitz said the teams had agreed on a "10-run rule" before the game, where the game would end if there was a 10-run lead or larger in the

"The timing of the no-OVC weekend is good and the timing of the injuries is good."

— **Jim Schmitz,**
Eastern head baseball coach

seventh inning or later.

Schmitz said it nice to get many reserves in as his team recovers from a few injuries and prepares for their weekend non-conference series against Southern Illinois Edwardsville.

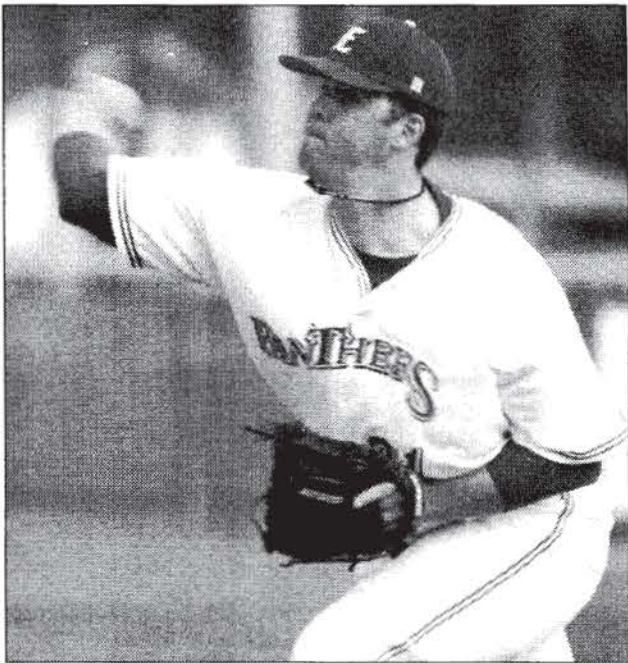
The Panthers take a step out of Ohio Valley Conference play this weekend when they face the Cougars at 1 p.m. Saturday in a doubleheader and at 1 p.m. Sunday for the series finale. All three games are at Coaches Stadium.

"The timing of the no-OVC weekend is good, and the timing of the injuries is good," Schmitz said. "We just have to get our edge back."

The Cougars, who are reclassifying to become an OVC school, but games against league teams are not counted toward their OVC record, are 9-25 this season, and showcase a 5-16 record on the road.

The Panthers will throw their usual weekend starters against SIUE, with sophomore right-handers Josh Mueller and Mike Recchia getting the starts Saturday, and junior left-hander Tyler Kehrer pitching Sunday.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Senior Alex Guttosch delivers the pitch in the seventh inning of Eastern's 11-1 win against Illinois College Thursday at Coaches Stadium.

» Whitchurch

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"We lied to him and we lied to him and told him to keep working," Schmitz said. "We would see him throw and then meet and say 'There's no way.'"

"All of a sudden, he did a long toss and came in and, I don't know what his velocity was, maybe 78-81 (mph). But as crazy as it sounds, if he can just keep the ball down and get strikes and get ground balls, we're missing a pitcher and he knows it and that's why he's committed."

It's a truly unique story. Guttosch's Eastern career, seemingly over, jump-started with two innings against Division-III Illinois College. He hadn't even faced live hitting in practice before Thursday.

But the story is a reality now, and his teammates took notice, greeting him at the end of each inning with high-fives and pats on the back.

It was clear they were as excited about his comeback as he was.

"It's awesome," said senior center fielder Ryan Lindquist. "It's awesome for us; it's awesome for him. I just feel really good for him."

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UPCOMING GAMES

- Saturday vs. Southern Illinois Edwardsville (DH), 1 p.m., Coaches Stadium
- Sunday vs. Southern Illinois Edwardsville, 1 p.m., Coaches Stadium

FALL SPORTS | NOTEBOOK

Spring brings optimism for fall

Coaches look to improve on problems that plagued teams last season

By **NEIL SCHNEIDER**
Staff Reporter

Following last season's record of 5-24, new Eastern volleyball coach Alan Segal is coming into the fall season with no specific expectations.

Segal believes in not jumping to early conclusions or making early expectations. Segal said so far all he wants out of the volleyball squad is to compete at a high level and improve on how they performed last season.

"Since I've never seen the team compete before, all I want is a team that competes every day in matches and practice," Segal said. "I want teammates to push each other to perform better as well as help the team perform better."

Segal said for the squad to find success this season it, will all start with the team's work ethic in practices.

"Bottom line is that you do all your hard work in practice and if you do that, then the matches should come much easier," Segal said.

Men's Soccer

Last season, the Eastern men's soccer team finished with a record of 5-11-3, going 0-5 in conference matches.

A big problem for the men's soccer team was their inability to defend and stop goals. While the Panther men scored 30 goals last season, they allowed 37 goals, which totaled to an average of nearly two goals per game (1.95).

Assistant coach Dino Raso said the squad has been focusing in practice and during the spring matches on turning these defensive statistics around.

"We have decided (to refocus) our defensive play and so far, we are showing positive signs," Raso said. "We scored so many goals last season and yet, we didn't have the wins to show for it. So, certainly, our main focus will be preventing goals."

Women's Soccer

First year women's soccer head coach Summer Perala believes that for the women's soccer team to be successful this season, they will need to score more goals.

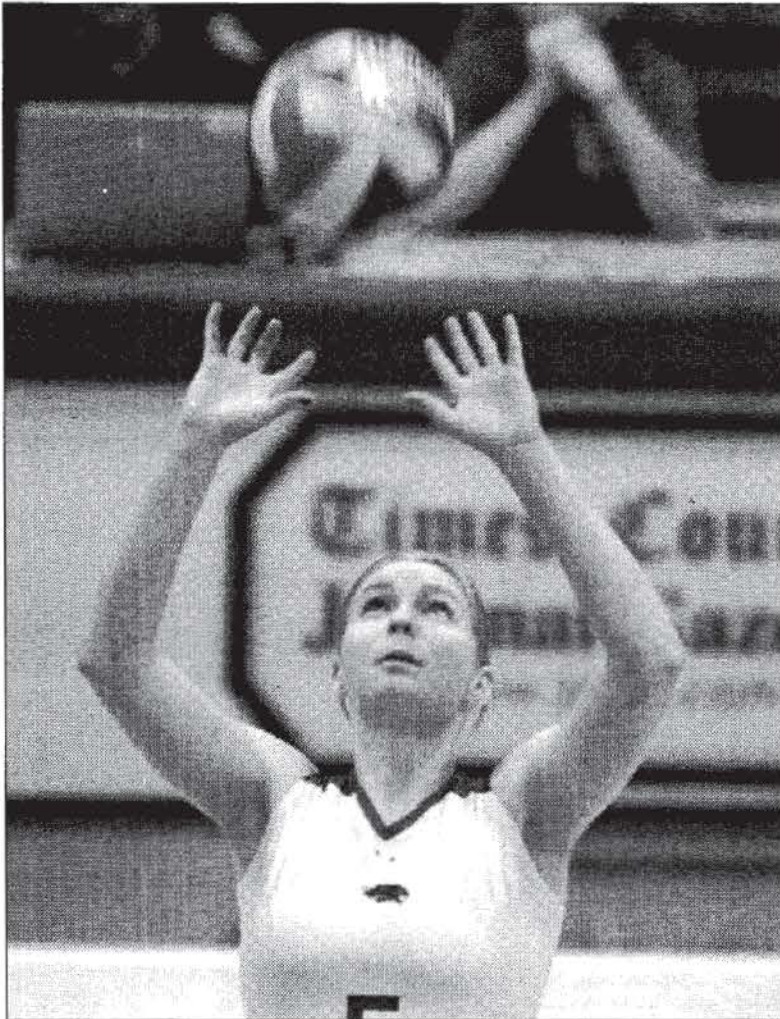
Last season, the team only scored nine goals out of their 167 shot attempts. They also averaged only 8.8 shots per game, while allowing opponents to take an average of 21.8 shots per game. The women's soccer team has competed in three matches so far during the spring season.

Perala said she has been impressed with the way the team is starting to bond, as well as their ability to listen to new ideas.

She said a main focus of the spring soccer season will be finishing off offensive opportunities.

"We need to find ways to finish our opportunities," Perala said. "In the past couple of games, we have had a few attacking opportunities and if we could've just had one more good pass or a different technique on our shot, we would've been able to have a better chance to score."

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Freshman setter Hannah Deterding sets the ball during the fall sports season. The volleyball team is led by new head coach Alan Segal, who was hired to replace former head coach Lori Bennett.

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NHL
Calgary at Blackhawks |
8 p.m. on CSN

SCOREBOARD

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Eastern 11, Illinois College 1

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Ohio Valley Conference teams



COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Two-year recovery is amazing

In January, Eastern senior Alex Guttosch was nowhere close to being ready to pitch.

Guttosch was an integral part of the Panther pitching staff in 2007. He started 10 games, pitched in 20 total and ranked second on the team in both starts and innings pitched.

But in August of that year, Guttosch suffered an elbow injury that forced him to sit out his senior year.

He chose to red-shirt his senior year and come back as a fifth-year senior and got his Masters in Business Administration. He stayed a part of the team and rehabbed, hoping to get a chance to pitch for the Panthers again.

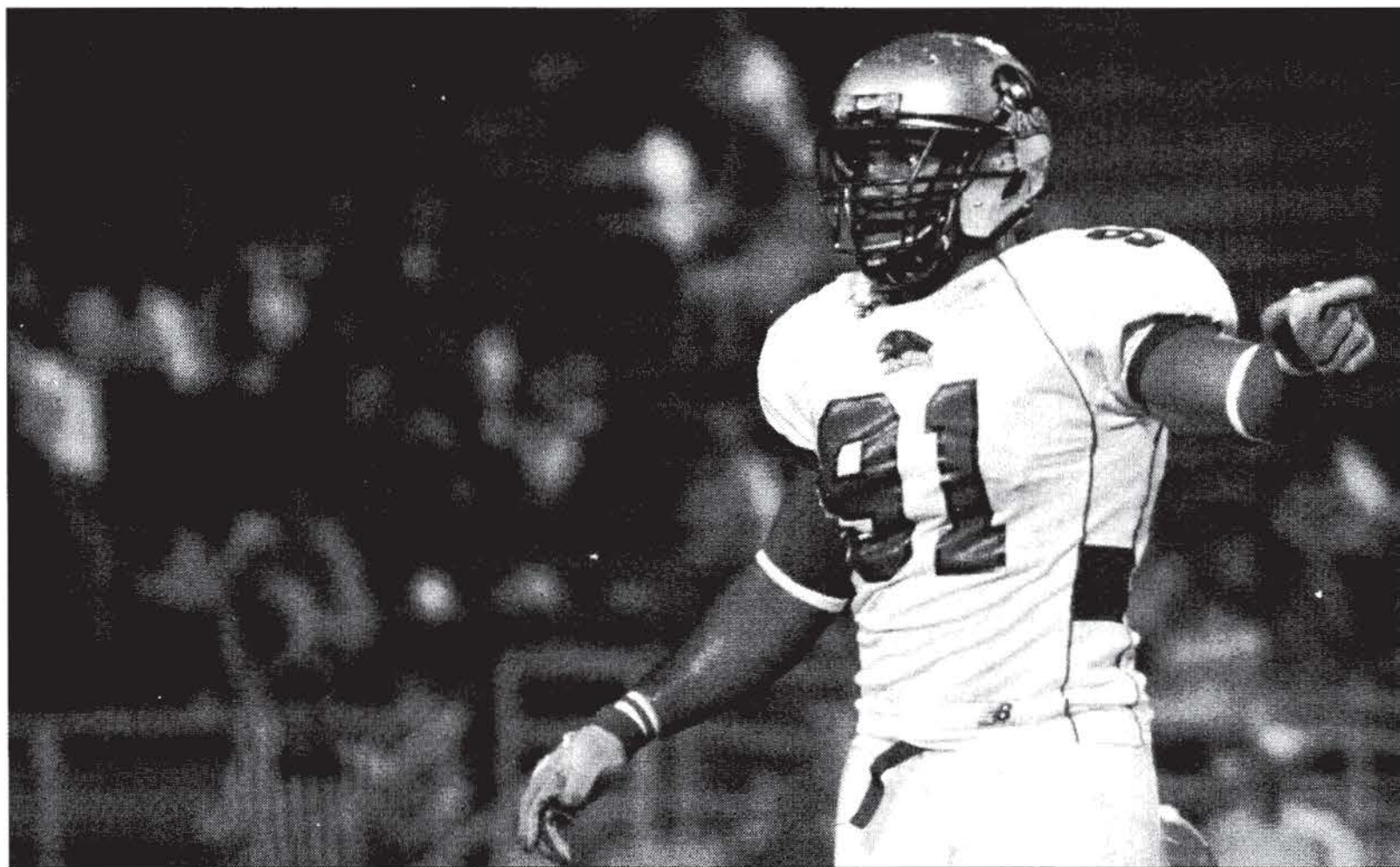
Guttosch got his chance Thursday. The right-hander entered Eastern's 11-1 win against Illinois College in the seventh inning to a chorus of cheers from his teammates. He proceeded to allow only two hits and two walks, while striking out one and inducing two double plays.

"I'm not going to lie, I was a little nervous at first," Guttosch said. "But after I got that first inning over with, I felt just like I always did."

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said as recently as January, it did not appear Guttosch would be able to pitch again.

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NFL DRAFT | SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, ESPN



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Former Eastern defensive end Pierre Walters has worked out with numerous teams in preparation for the NFL Draft, which takes place this Saturday and Sunday and will be broadcast on ESPN. Walters hopes to be one of the players selected to play in the National Football League.

Walters anxious for NFL Draft

Linebacker's stock rising as draft nears

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Pierre Walters has been all across the country.

This weekend he's going to be relaxing at his parent's place in Chicago.

The former Eastern linebacker has been working for a variety of NFL teams and now, will just wait for his name to be called

during Saturday and Sunday's NFL Draft.

Walters has worked out with San Diego, Green Bay, Indianapolis and Chicago.

"I don't know where I'll be next week, but it'll be real exciting," Walters said.

The 6-foot-4, 269-pounder from Westchester St. Joseph High School has recovered from ankle surgery in November and has been moving fluidly.

"I'm very versatile," he said. "I'm just letting the cards fall.

There's not much I can do at this point."

Walters visited the San Diego Chargers in early April and performed a workout with the Green Bay Packers at his high school. Last week, he did defensive line drills with the Indianapolis Colts at O'Brien Stadium and had a meeting with the Chicago Bears.

He's been in connection with a bunch of different teams even within the past week and his stock keeps rising.

The draft Web site NFL-

draftscout.com has him ranked 18th out of 173 defensive ends.

In November, the same site had him ranked 26th out of 211.

"It's been a pretty busy week with me on the phone," Walters said.

He's been talking with the New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Baltimore Ravens and the Kansas City Chiefs, and talks to his agent every other day, but didn't think he would come this far.

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SOFTBALL | WEEKDAY RECAP

Panthers drop crucial league doubleheader

Eastern falls to fifth in league after sweep

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team is still looking for an answer to their struggles.

The Panthers have now lost seven games in a row after being swept in a doubleheader by Southeast Missouri Thursday at Williams Field.

The Panthers (24-21, 8-8 Ohio Valley Conference) lost 6-2 and 11-3 in six innings to fall to fifth place in the league, below Southeast Missouri (20-19, 9-8) and Tennessee Martin (29-19, 9-8).

"We're starting to lose our heart," said Eastern assistant coach Jason Dorey. "It's in there somewhere. I know it's in there. They're losing their drives that's in there to win every inning."

The Panthers left 16 runners on base combined in both games.



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Eastern senior shortstop Sarah Coppert receives a throw as a Southeast Missouri player slides into second base during the team's doubleheader against Southeast Missouri Thursday at Williams Field.

Eastern had a chance in the bottom of the seventh of the first game, when they plated one run to cut the lead to 6-2, but the Panthers left the bases loaded.

"They kept fighting and hanging

around," said Southeast Missouri head coach Lana Richmond. "I give to them a lot of credit of hanging around and not laying down there."

The Panthers' three runs in the second game were the most they

have scored in their last six games.

"It's frustrating. That what's usually gotten us pretty far is our offense," said Eastern junior second baseman Megan Nelson. "(It's) done really well. If we can fix that offense, everything will take care of itself."

Southeast Missouri's offense was apparent in the second game.

Seven runs came off a home run, including a three-run home run from SEMO junior catcher Alex Ramirez in the fourth inning. SEMO junior left fielder Jennifer Vasquez added a grand slam in the sixth inning.

SEMO's hitters combined for 20 hits in the doubleheader and in the first game, left 10 on base.

"The key to our hitting was that we were very patient," Richmond said. "We're always known as a free-swinging team. We wanted to become more disciplined."

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The sounds of modern orchestral masterpieces boom through the Dvorak Music Hall as Robert Rossi conducts the Eastern Symphony Orchestra.

A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

By Nick Draper
Verge Reporter

As new bands sprout up, and even more concerts sprout up to grab audiences' attention, the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and EIU Choral Ensembles continue to help people remember its musical roots.

The latest concert, *A Musical Journey Through Time*, is no exception.

Starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, the concert will demonstrate different periods in musical composition history from medieval to baroque and even more contemporary selections.

Selections include movements from Handel's "Messiah," Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" and Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1" in B-flat minor op. 23.

One particular selection, Elgar's "Nimrod" from the "Enigma Variations," was selected in memory of Rhonda Heath, a long employed secretary of the EIU Department of Music who recently died after a long battle with breast cancer.

"(Elgar) wrote this piece for his very, very close friend and is probably the most beautiful variation in the work. And so we're dedicating it to Rhonda," said Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities and con-

ductor of the concert.

Derek Maninfor, a freshman piano performance major, will perform Tchaikovsky's concerto.

Maninfor won the Eastern Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition last year and says that he feels confident about his upcoming performance.

"I've been practicing this piece since September, and I've given many performances of it...I feel pretty comfortable with it," Maninfor said.

There will be over 200 performers with performing groups including the Community Chorus, The University Mixed Chorus, Oratorio Chorus and others.

"A Musical Journey Through

Time is one of our largest concerts," Rossi said.

Still, performers have to be ready or they run the risk of getting cut from the concert.

"I'm not going to have kids going out there to do a bad job," Rossi said.

The Camerata Singers, who specialize in Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods of music, will be performing "Gregorian Chants," which is something unique to this year's concerts.

April Lee, a graduate student, will be conducting "Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs" from Handel's "Messiah" in addition to doing a soprano solo in Mo-

zart's "Laudate Dominum."

"It's one of the most important and exciting concerts I've done. The number of ensembles (Rossi) is using, getting to conduct the orchestra, it's all exciting," said Lee.

The Charleston Area Charitable Foundation in addition to the EIU Department of Music and others sponsors the concert.

Tickets for the concert are available at \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Seating is reserved and parking is free.

For more information or to buy tickets call 581-3110 or e-mail doudnattix@eiu.edu.

THE INFLUENCE OF POST-MORTEM STARS

The hairs on my scalp and arms tingled the first time I listened to Joy Division.

I remember an odd feeling of awe, mixed with melancholy, at the machine-like drumming, melodic bass lines and filling, harmonic guitar riffs.

And then I heard the voice of Ian Curtis, and I could feel my eyes start to tear up.

Curtis and Joy Division have been a major influence in my life, especially when I feel sad, over-worked or frustrated.

There's something in the way the driving background music and the intense honesty of the lyrics comes together to produce what is, to me, musical therapy.

How some people feel about John Lennon, Kurt Cobaine or Jeff Buckley, is how I feel about Curtis.

All of these artists had powerful post-mortem popularity, and it is really only after their death that fans begin to understand their lives.

Curtis died the morning Joy Division was to depart England for their first U.S. tour on May 18, 1980. It was supposed to be the tour that introduced them to the rest of the world; however, Curtis hanged himself in the kitchen of the Macclesfield home he shared



Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Verge Editor

with his wife and infant daughter.

Curtis had been dealing with epilepsy, the decay of his marriage to Deborah Curtis and the beginning stages of fame as the tall, dark and mysterious lead singer of one of the most popular post-punk bands in Europe.

Curtis believed he was destined for fame when Joy Division was first conceived, but later on admitted that he hated the fame and feared that everyone else hated him for it, too.

Many of Joy Division's songs deal with depression, sadness, loneliness, frustration and death.

In an interview with Paul Lester of *The Guardian* in 2007, drummer Stephen Morris said the band wasn't aware of how deep Curtis' depression was until after his untimely death.

"This sounds awful, but it was

only after Ian died that we sat down and listened to the lyrics," Morris said. "You'd find yourself thinking, 'Oh my God, I missed this one.' Because I'd look at Ian's lyrics and think how clever he was putting himself in the position of someone else. I never believed he was writing about himself."

Songs like "She's Lost Control," "Disorder" and "Atrocity Exhibition" were about his constant struggle with epilepsy.

Curtis would have seizures on stage, sometimes encouraged by a specific drumbeat. The show would stop and he would have to be carried off stage.

When Curtis died, the remaining members reformed into New Order, who, only in the last few years, stopped performing.

Although our generation doesn't seem to know about Joy Division, the band's legacy is left with artists we do know, such as Bloc Party, Interpol, The Cure, U2, Editors, Moby and John Frusciante from The Red Hot Chili Peppers, who all claim Joy Division as a major influence.

Knowing that makes me feel a little bit more connected to the music that was created before I was born and that I love so much.

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By Sarah Jean Bresnahan, a senior journalism major

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HELLO DALI TO SHOW SKILLS OF PAST AND CURRENT MEMBERS

By Josh Van Dyke
Verge Reporter

The quick thinking that is required by improvisational theater is a double-edged sword for Andy Luttrell, bringing both excitement and danger.

"It's an adrenaline rush because you have no idea where it's going to go," said Luttrell, a junior psychology major.

The fact that he doesn't have a script to fall back on means he has to keep his mind in the act.

Luttrell, who describes himself as "just another improv comic," has seen both sides of the coin.

Fortunately, he isn't alone.

He performs with other members of Hello Dali, Eastern's improvisation entertainment group.

This weekend, Luttrell has more allies than usual, with past members participating in the reunion show this Saturday.

The format of the show won't be that much different from normal.

The event will be similar to the game show "Whose Line is it Anyway," with the actors given roles and rules to follow.

Those rules change with each game, but they all require high-speed adaptation to events.

One popular choice is "Party Quirks," where the host has to figure out what the quirks of his guests are, while in "Oscar-Winning Moment," the referee can suddenly demand a player perform the next part extra dramatically while avoiding non-sequiturs.

During the reunion show audience members will get to choose what games are played.

But even if they didn't, the audience's reaction to what's going on on-stage is always on the minds of the actors.



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Eastern Illinois University's theater troupe Hello Dali, seen here, are a group of students who practice improvisational skills by setting up games and acting out scenes with audience suggestion. (Top:) Andy Luttrell, Lexi Cox, Lenze Davis. (Bottom:) Tim Tholl, Mariam Amr, Katy Kruzic. Not pictured: Caitlin Bieda and Daniel Cloward.

The goal is to entertain them, after all, so they adapt what they do for different groups.

"After a while you learn how to read your audience," said Lenze Davis, a current member and a junior psychology major.

For example, the focus would be more on "toilet humor" for younger crowds, while that sort of thing would be avoided for other audiences.

Fellow member Caitlin Bieda, a sophomore theatre arts major, said the worst part of the experience is when the audience doesn't participate.

Details of Hello Dali's origins are shrouded in mystery.

No one made records when the group was founded, so no one even knows what Dali has to do with the group.

Somewhat less mysterious is

their future: The reunion show will be at noon tomorrow in Doudna's main theater.

For the performers who are getting to meet their predecessors from the 17 years the troop has existed, the excitement has been building for a couple months.

"I'm bursting at the seams," Davis said. "It's really hard to go wrong when you have so many geniuses in the same room."

BANDS, BAR OWNERS PAY TRIBUTE TO DECEASED ENGLISH PROFESSOR

Whiskey Daredevils, The Porn Again Christians and MugWump Specific to play at tribute show

By Sarah Ruhoff
Assistant Verge Editor

Often, remembering those who have passed is a somber occasion.

English professor Graham Lewis, who died October 21, 2008, was not the sort of person who would have wanted such a tribute.

His wife, Kit Morice, the curator of education at the Tarble Arts Center, decided to have a tribute that Lewis would have loved.

"It's going to be a fun evening," said English professor Dan Tessitore. "It's going to be a rock n' roll show."

The rock show, Graham Jam,

is at 9 p.m. Saturday at Top of the Roc, 410 6th St., Charleston.

The Whiskey Daredevils will headline the show, with The Porn Again Christians and MugWump Specific opening.

Tessitore, who will emcee the event, met Lewis when they attended graduate school together in 1991.

Since that time, the two remained close friends, eventually becoming colleagues.

"He's a big part of the reason I'm here in Charleston," Tessitore said. "He was one of my best friends."

Nearly everyone involved in

putting the show on was a friend of Lewis'.

"He was the friendliest and most open-minded person I've ever met," said Jake Pope, a former student of Lewis and the drummer for the Porn Again Christians. "I can guarantee that there is no one that ever met Graham that didn't like him."

Mike Knoop, the owner of Roc's and former owner of the Uptowner, also knew Lewis.

"He and all of his friends have been customers of mine for 28 years," Knoop said.

Pope said his band is excited to play in tribute of their friend, and

that this is only the first concert for Lewis.

"There will be more to come," Pope said. "We decided to play this first one because we all loved Graham, and what better way to honor him than with live music? He loved live music. He lived for it."

The show is not a memorial of his death, so much as it is a tribute to his life.

"Graham would want people to get loose, do whatever makes them happy and experience one of the many things he enjoyed so much, live music," Pope said.

"It's the kind of party he would want us to have," Tessitore said.

study break

Looking for something to do?

FRIDAY

JBoozer, John Voight's LeBaron and Austin and Co.

Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Top of the Roc, Roc's Blackfront
Cost: \$3

Slippery When Wet

Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Mad Hatters
Cost: \$3

UB Movie: 'Gran Torino'

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Buzzard Auditorium
Cost: Free

SATURDAY

Graham Jam: A Tribute to Graham Lewis

Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Top of the Roc, Roc's Blackfront
Cost: \$3

Hello Dali Reunion Show

Time: 12 p.m.
Place: The Theatre, Doudna
Cost: Free

Joe Burrell Senior Recital

Time: 4 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall, Doudna
Cost: Free

Ashley McHugh, Josh Farmer and Sarah Holman Junior Recital

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall, Doudna
Cost: Free

UB Movie: 'Gran Torino'

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Buzzard Auditorium
Cost: Free

Soap and Raoul Duke

Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Mac's Uptowner
Cost: \$3

SUNDAY

A Musical Journey Through Time

Time: 4 p.m.
Place: Doudna Fine Arts Center
Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and EIU employees, \$5 students

ROURKE WINS BACK FANS WITH 'THE WRESTLER'

By **Brad York**
Senior Verge Reporter

From chair to face-smashes to razorblade slashes and barbed wire gashes, "The Wrestler" is everything that it promises to be and more.

The match begins with 2009 Oscar nominated Mickey Rourke, in one of the best performances of his life, as the fictional wrestler Randy "The Ram" Robinson.

Robinson is a washed up, beaten down wrestler in his mid-or late-fifties that is simply fueled by notoriety.

It is a feeling that came in his prime as well as the cheers that greet him, when he enters the ring as good-guy persona "The Ram."

The wrestling venues throughout the film are held at small-time gymnasiums that act as auditoriums for the grotesque, scripted gladiator soap opera that has become professional wrestling.

Rourke was ultimately divine as he is forced to confront his past and dig deep for a role that hits close to his heart.

It certainly is his best performance since Marv (the vengeful framed ex-con in "Sin City"), or Billy (the Chihuahua-loving crime boss in "Once Upon a Time in Mexico").

Rourke has currently made headlines for his role as Robinson, which is now being described as very similar to the struggle that Hulk Hogan is now facing as he ages, as reported by Rolling Stone

Magazine.

In my opinion, Rourke was robbed of what he clearly deserved at the Academy Awards, but you can be your own judge with the DVD that hit shelves last Tuesday.

Throughout the movie, Robinson's body is forced to the max.

A drug problem and showman's lifestyle are finally catching up to him.

This leads Robinson to take a close look at the things that matter, his daughter, who no longer speaks to him, and a stripper that seems to keep him sane in an insane world.

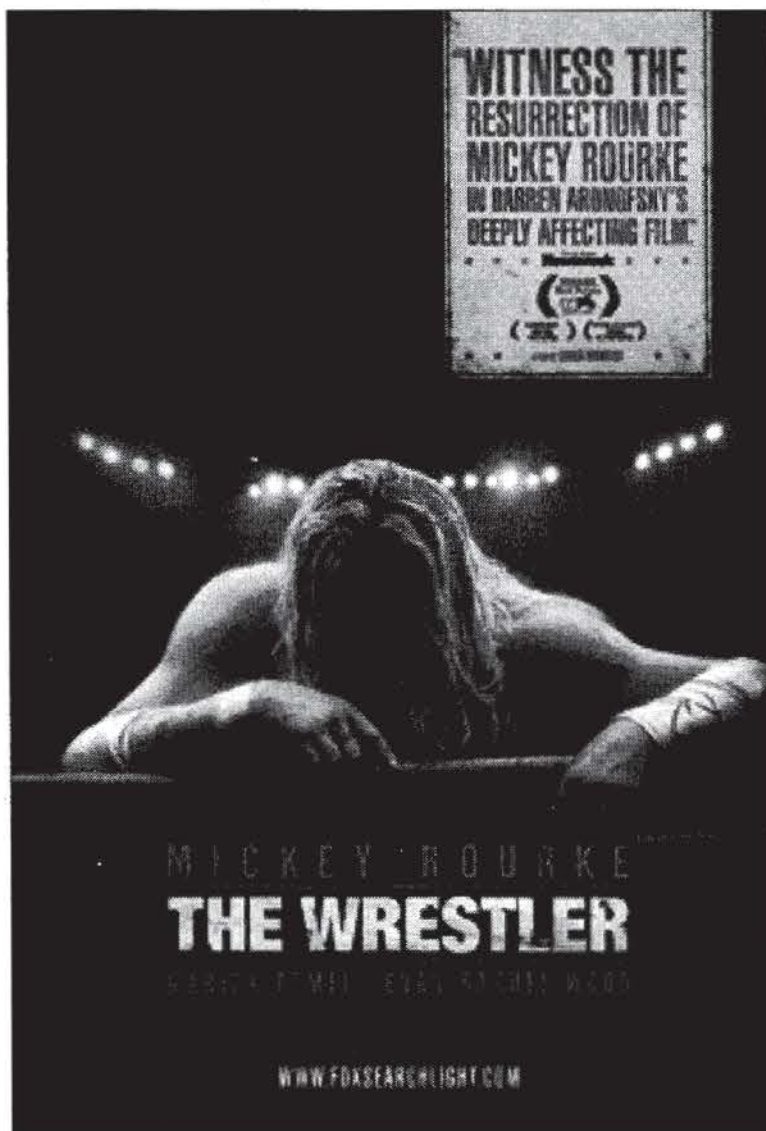
Robinson's daughter, played by Evan Rachel Wood (also in "Thirteen" and "Across the Universe"), has given up any hopes that she could be a part of her father's life.

She has tried to move past what she sees as another one of her father's fronts.

The gorgeous Marisa Tomei (also in FX's "Rescue Me," along with a list of movies such as "Wild Hogs" and "Anger Management"), acts as the struggling stripper Cassidy. Tomei's performance is good, if slightly jagged and unbelievable in some scenes.

Director Darren Aronofsky (who also directed "Requiem for a Dream" and "Pi"), refrains, for the most part, from his usual use of flash grabbing cinematography and disturbing scenes.

Instead, Aronofsky brought a relaxed yet dark portrait of life in a poverty-ridden trailer park mentality with characters struggling to



make ends meet.

It seems as though Aronofsky felt that the actors and actresses did the job better than he could have

imagined.

This movie was filmed for every person struggling in this wrestling match called life.

'STATE OF PLAY' FINDS THE BALANCE BETWEEN FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY

By **Kayleigh Zyskowski**
Verge Reporter

Non-stop twists make "State of Play" an almost exhausting movie to watch.

It brings to light the ever-present question of what is fair and unfair in the world of journalism.

In this drama, Cal McAffrey (Russell Crowe), a reporter for the suffering Washington Globe, is sent to cover the double murder of a young petty thief and a passer-by who witnessed the crime.

While looking for a lead, McAffrey discovers the petty thief is linked to Sonia Baker (Maria Thayer), who was also murdered, and an assistant and mistress for Congressman Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck), who is chair of a committee for the nation's defense spending.

McAffrey and Collins were college roommates, forcing McAffrey to dance a fine line between his personal life and his professional life, which seem to be colliding together.

McAffrey is assigned to work

with young, wide-eyed reporter Della Frye (Rachel McAdams), who was covering Baker's murder.

Together they could uncover a story, which may be able to save the paper by linking these murders to highly respected government officials.

As more research is done and more sources are discovered, the two reporters find out they may be in over their heads.

The story could pose a risk to their careers, friendships, and lives.

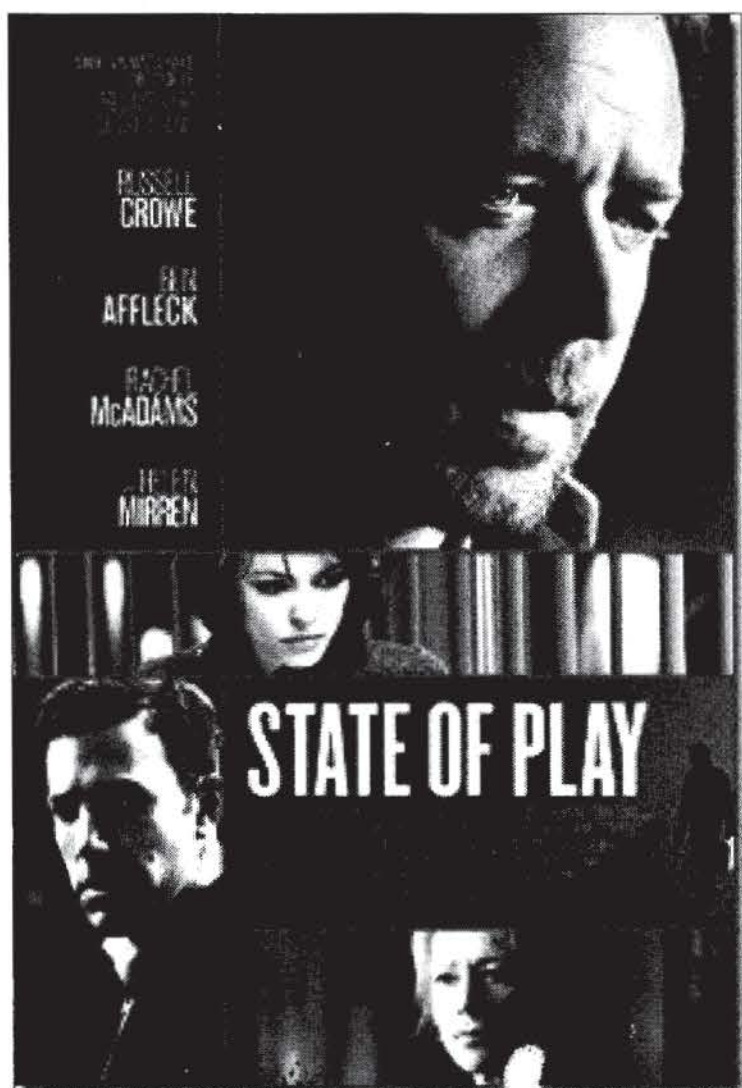
"State of Play" is based on the British TV series.

It runs two hours and nineteen minutes, and has intense turns through its entirety.

I recommend this movie to anyone who is looking for an intense movie with notable acting.

This movie will keep you on the edge of your seat, while a steep rise in events climaxes with an unexpected ending.

In a time when newspapers are failing and the very definition of news is questionable, "State of Play" shows a newsroom with journalists who are determined to tell the truth at any cost.



'JOURNALS' A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

By **Cari Wafford**
Verge Reporter

Casting all timeliness aside, Brent Runyon's 2004 memoir "The Burn Journals" is an excellent read for any young adult battling distress.

Anyone grappling with stress and a sense of inner-defeat can find some way to relate to Runyon's thought process through his unique writing style.

Mirroring the scheme of "Girl Interrupted" and "Running with Scissors," Runyon's piece is an amazing example of individual misery and man's ultimate renewal.

Runyon was 14-years-old when he attempted suicide by setting himself on fire.

"The Burn Journals" takes the reader from the moments leading to the incident and narrates the authors struggle during the episode and aftermath of his decisions.

He thrusts the reader into ambulance rides and carries them to the burn unit in a children's hospital.

His devastating suicide attempt took away any normalcy Runyon desperately tried to hold on to at age 14 and sends the reading railing into scenes of painful burn care and excruciating skin-grating procedures.

Runyon also experienced first love and loss of love and friendship during his yearlong rehabilitation.

He was subject to intensive physical and occupational therapy.

But rather than focusing on the whys of his actions, Runyon addresses the direct challenge of survival, including detailed accounts of his day-to-day ordeals in the hospital and later in a rehabilitation center.

At the beginning of his recovery his thought processes are represented in a present tense. Gauging the duration of Runyon's rehabilitation takes an understanding of his levels of discomfort during bandage removal and levels of pleasure while enjoying ice cream for the first time.

Then, Runyon thoughts nervously switch to future tense as he prepares to enter school again and particularly high school for the first time since the incident.

While the subject matter is somewhat dark, Runyon's accounts display a celebration of life and gives the reader a unique perspective of survival of the fittest.

Runyon is a regular contributor to public radio's This American Life.

He narrated an excerpt from the memoir in 2002 on an episode of This American Life titled, "Didn't ask to be born."

"The Burn Journals" can also be found in the Mary Booth Library on Eastern Illinois University's campus.