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## Making his city proud

Former Charleston high school  
Brandon Murphy player now  
pitching for University of Illinois.

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## Illinois to drop three health care providers

By Kevin Sampier  
NEWS EDITOR

Approximately 80,000 state employees will be forced to switch health care providers because the state will drop providers Health Alliance, Unicare and OSF.

According to an e-mail from Sue Kaufman, president of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, this will affect university employees in the state.

"We received word today that Health Alliance is being dropped as a health care provider at our universities, actually for all state employees," Kaufman said in the e-mail. Kaufman said the decision

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## Two former city officials indicted

By Jessica Youngs  
CITY EDITOR

Two former city officials were indicted Thursday on charges of cashing in their sick leave to boost their earnings.

Former City Clerk Patsy Loew and Assistant Public Works Director Dan England were indicted by a grand jury on three felony offenses: theft, attempted theft and official misconduct.

An investigation began last fall after city officials found irregularities in financial records, State's Attorney Steve Ferguson said.

"When someone leaves city employment, they are able to cash in their sick time but only at time of separation (from the city)" Ferguson said.

He said Loew and England allegedly obtained payment for their sick times prior to leaving, which "had the effect of boosting their earnings for reporting purposes for their pension."

The salary that city employees earn during their last few working months is used to calculate pension payments by the Illinois Municipal

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

President Lou Hencken presents the numbers behind the tuition and fee increase Monday morning during the Board of Trustees meeting Monday morning in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# BOT OKs tuition rate hike

♦ Returning students  
facing 7.5 percent increase

By Brian O'Malley  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

With only four voting members present, the Board of Trustees Monday unanimously approved tuition, fee and housing rate increases.

President Lou Hencken gave a presentation to the board about the proposed increases.

"There's been a real balancing act when it has come to tuition and fees," Hencken said.

The board approved the tuition increase of 7.5 percent for returning students and 16 percent for incoming students.

The amount returning students will pay per credit hour will

increase from \$118.75 to \$127.65 and returning students' amount will increase from \$118.75 to \$137.35.

Hencken said there will be more than 300 incoming students next year and because of the tuition increase there might not be room for more. "Our enrollment is going to be lower than last year and the year before," he said. "We're still open, depending on your ACT score and depending on your major."

Hencken said he had two goals when putting together the increase. "I want to maintain academic quality," he said. "Eastern was named one of the most efficient universities when it came to getting things done."

"The other is that each student graduates in a timely manner," he said. "If a student stays here longer than four years because they failed

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concern."

A state law requires the tuition for new students to be frozen for the length of each student's stay.

"A new law does require that new students have a frozen tuition," said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs. "Western has been practicing it for at least five years."

Hencken said the recreation center fee was approved for an increase of \$2.70, which will up the fee from \$66.80 to \$69.50.

Ken Baker, director of campus

or dropped a class, that's their fault, their concern. If it's because they couldn't get classes, that's our fault, our

recreation, said an average of 2,000 students visit the rec center every day. Hencken said even more students head to the rec during cold weather seasons.

"It's a beautiful facility and we want the students to see what they're getting," Hencken said.

An increase to the health service and pharmacy fee was approved and will go from \$67.55 to \$71.60. The health and accident insurance fee will increase from \$69.20 to \$71.30. "I have no idea how they have been able to keep those fees so low," Hencken said.

The cost for housing, room and board and meal plans was also increased as well as costs for University Court and University Apartments.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Herb Lasky, dean of the Honors College, sits at his desk Monday in his office at Booth House. Lasky's chair once belonged to Quincy Doudna, former president of Eastern. "The administrator that followed Quincy was too short," Lasky said. "Her feet couldn't touch the ground. So I traded her for it."

## Honors College dean will step down

By Julie Bourque  
CAMPUS EDITOR

After his 22 years of leadership, Herbert Lasky is retiring from his position as dean of Eastern's Honors College.

Lasky not only served as Honors College Dean, but he was also the founder of the honors program.

"I organized the honors program in 1982 and was appointed director in 1991," Lasky said. "The program became a college in January of 2003 and I became dean then."

Lasky said when he was developing the honors program he wanted to give an opportunity to "academically challenge students to meet their academic standards" and create an atmosphere where students felt it was OK to ask "penetrating questions."

As a part of the Honors College, Lasky developed the following programs: University Honors; Departmental Honors; Undergraduate Research; and

Honors Study Abroad.

The most satisfying moments of Lasky's career have been the accomplished graduates that have come out of the Honors College.

"One of our early graduates discovered a new mineral while working on moon rocks," Lasky said. "Many students have become surgeons, publishers or teachers. I'm just very gratified by the success of all our students."

Lasky said he felt it was time to retire because he had accomplished all of his goals for the program and it is now time for someone new to enjoy the position.

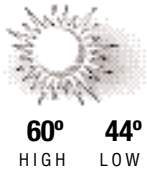
"I've accomplished what I set out to do," Lasky said. "The program began with 56 students and we now have 700. Scholarships are well funded and we're a college now."

Eastern President Lou Hencken said Lasky has "made a tremendous, positive impact on the Honors

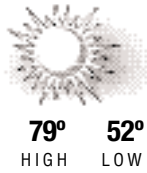
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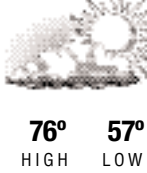
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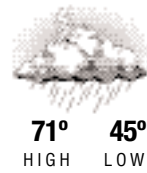
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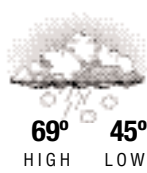
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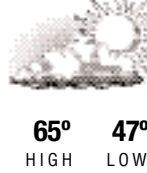
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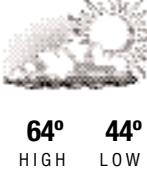
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Monday  
Partly cloudy



## Celebration to bring arts, music

By David Thill  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Since 1977, "Celebration: a festival of the arts" has given the community of Charleston and Eastern students the chance to see new art forms.

Dan Crews, promotions specialist for the college of arts and humanities, said the event will begin at noon Friday and will last all weekend.

"Celebration is a chance for students to look at all art forms around us," Crews said.

He also said it provides the students one last chance to unwind before finals and graduation.

The event will feature numerous music acts including Ryan Groff and Brent Byrd, The Boat Drunks, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Leather Pistol, an 80s hair-band tribute group and the EIU Jazz Lab Band and others.

The event will also have arts and crafts vendors who will showcase ceramics, textiles, glass, jewelry, sculpture, painting and wood work.

Saturday's events will feature musical acts of various styles including Celtic music, blues and middle eastern music.

There will also be two theater offerings during the festival. Eastern's Theater Arts Department will present the play Arkansas Bear Saturday night at the 7th Street Underground.

A new attraction will be added to the celebration this year.

The "Bizarre Bazaar" will allow students to trade, sell or barter items that they wish to get rid of before they return home or graduate.



Andrew Anderson, the Family Magician, makes balloon animals for children during Celebration 2002 in the Library Quad.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS FILE PHOTO

Celebration takes place every year and almost always draws a large amount of people, Crews said. "We project between 8,000 and 10,000 people attending," he said.

And while rain is always a threat during the spring, it will not stop the festivities, Crews said. "We don't let the weather stop us," Crews said.

## Bingo Bone-anza will aid animals

By Lindsey Dunton  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Stevenson Hall will be the location of a Bingo Bone-anza event that will raise money for the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center.

Eastern's public relations techniques class is holding Bingo Bone-anza at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Stevenson Hall dining center. Bingo tickets will be \$5 for the first card and \$1 for each additional card.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center.

"The shelter rarely receives any donations and hopefully this event will raise awareness," said Brian Hajik, junior speech communication major.

The center receives a small amount of money from the state in comparison to the number of stray and unwanted animals that come to the shelter each day, Hajik said.

The class chose Stevenson Hall as the location for the Bingo Bone-anza because it's on-campus and surrounded by student dorms, Hajik said.

Bingo Bone-anza is the first event sponsored by the public relations techniques class this semester. During the week of Easter, the class publicized the prelaw society's successful cookout held in the parking lot at County Market.

County Market, Wal-Mart, Nancy's Lettering Shop, Showplace 8, The Alamo and Russ n Lynda's are some of the local businesses that are providing prizes for Bingo Bone-anza.

Prizes include two \$25 County Market gift cards, a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card, two movie passes to Showplace 8, a \$20 Bath & Body Works gift card, McDonalds coupons, an Alamo gift card and much more.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at the shelter or donating money can contact CARE director Roger Greenwell at (217) 345-4112 for more information.

*"The shelter rarely receives any donations and hopefully this event will raise awareness."*

—Brian Hajik, junior speech communications major

## Artwork of six students will be presented tonight

STAFF REPORT

The art department will present the artwork of six undergraduate art students Tuesday evening.

The show entitled "Paintings 4 Sale" will take

place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Podesta Gallery Burl Ives studio building located on the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ninth Street.

The show will feature different styles of painting from the students, all of whom have

been working the past semester toward the show.

"What makes this show different is that all of the students in the show have had a lot of breakthroughs this past semester," said assistant art professor Chris Kahler in a

press release. "You will be able to see a body of work that is a bold step forward for each student."

"I think they will stand as an example to other students who have difficulty coming up with new ideas," he said.

## Charleston City Council will gather in special session

STAFF REPORT

The Charleston City Council will meet in a special session at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers of City

Hall, 720 Jackson Ave.

The council will vote on adopting the new city budget for the coming fiscal year, which runs from May 1, 2004, to April 30, 2005.

Approving the budget at this special council meeting is a result of changing the budget over to new software, which took a long time and work, Mayor Dan Cougill pre-

viously said.

Once the budget is approved a copy will be placed at the Charleston Carnegie Library and City Hall for public viewing.

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In an April 20 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "I Have a Dream" speech was said in 1969. King actually gave his historic speech on Aug. 28, 1963, in Washington D.C. *The News* regrets the error. In Monday's edition it was reported that the Sigma Sigma Sigma fraternity danced at a step show held Friday night. Members of Zeta Phi Beta also danced on stage at the same time. *The News* regrets the error.

### SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles you would like to see in *The News*, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or mmeinheit@yahoo.com





STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Berger becomes lone hopeful for speaker position

By Jennifer Peryam  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

With only one day to go before the Student Senate speaker elections, Ryan Berger is the only candidate currently running for the position.

"I don't see a problem with me being the only candidate running for the position," Berger said. "I think the senate is ready for my leadership, and I feel I can accomplish what I need to and have the experience."

Candidates running for speaker can still be nominated during the Student Senate meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, said Student Body President Caleb Judy.



Ryan Berger

"I have heard some rumblings that other members are expected to run for the position," Judy said.

"I wanted this position as soon as I walked into student government. I knew this was something I wanted to do," Berger said. Unifying student government as a whole is one of Berger's main goals.

"Multiple sources need to be working toward the same goal," Berger said. "Student Senate has much more potential and ability than we harness because we often are doing the same thing separately."

Berger said he knows "Robert's Rules of Order" and how to run meetings.

"I've been sitting next to the chair for two years," Berger said. "I like the opportunity to work with other leaders and committees to

attain the goal of thinking like one body."

Other goals Berger has are to strengthen the senate from inside out by including new senate members into the process of student government, selecting strong committee chairs who will work with corresponding executives and motivating new and senior senators to surpass their call of duty with positive reinforcement.

Other senate members entertained the idea of running but decided not to.

Jeff Collier, chair of the senate Academic Affairs Committee, was originally running for the position, but decided not to because of other commitments.

"I have been elected as the president of the Black Student Union and may be a student member for Council on Academic Affairs if I am appointed by the vice president of academic affairs," Collier said.

"My goals for the Black Student Union are to establish a presence on this campus and collaborate with other RSOs," Collier said.

Berger, a sophomore political science major, said he has planned to run for speaker since his freshman year.

"A speaker must maintain authority and professionalism to maintain meetings," said current Senate Speaker George Lesica. Being organized and commanding respect of members are also important qualities of a good speaker, Lesica said.

"Senate Speaker is a hard position to do well," Lesica said. "Of the six positions, speaker is the most labor intensive."

Student Senate elections will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

The band Madison Greene played Monday evening in the newly opened back room of Jackson Avenue Coffee. The business celebrated its two year anniversary yesterday.

# Perks aplenty at refurbished java shop

By Blake Boldt  
STAFF WRITER

In commemoration of its second anniversary and the grand opening of a new back room with more seating, Jackson Avenue Coffee finished a weekend of celebration Monday night with an acoustic act by Madison Greene.

Along with Madison Greene's music, the coffeehouse also advertised numerous drink specials throughout the weekend until Monday, which was the official two-year anniversary of the coffee shop.

Madison Greene, a band based in Wisconsin, performed acoustic music with Celtic and tribal sounds for the crowd from 8 p.m. until about 10 p.m. Monday night. The

group performed its brand of acoustic music with an aggressive attitude and unique rhythms and beats.

The performance was the finale to a busy weekend celebration, manager Evan Kubicek said.

"Friday night jazz music was performed," Kubicek said.

He said that six performers played Saturday night from 6 p.m. until midnight.

The new back room was officially opened on Friday night, which effectively doubles the size of the establishment.

The room, an addition of about 600 square feet, has more seating and an extended stage for musical performances.

The addition means that Jackson Avenue will be able to accommo-

date more musical performances, but the coffeehouse will continue to exhibit the same kind of music that has been a staple of the establishment, Kubicek said.

"We pick music to suit the environment," he said.

The shop has been a venue for mainly acoustic musical performances, but Kubicek said that the expansion allows for the coffeehouse to book more blues and jazz acts.

The new back room has other purposes as well.

"This allows people to go and have a conversation and have the music in the background," Kubicek said.

Kubicek added that any suggestions or ideas about the shop are appreciated.

FACULTY SENATE

# Senate to weigh student complaint policy, proposed benefits

By Brian O'Malley  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will hold elections for its executive committee for next year.

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Barbara Lawrence said members will be allowed to nominate candidates for one of the executive posi-

tions.

"People are generally nominated at the meeting," Lawrence said. "After we name candidates, we take it to a vote."

Lawrence said she is unaware of who is interested in running for a position for next year.

The senate will also discuss a motion, proposed by Lawrence, to

create a policy that would handle complaints from students.

"When students make a complaint about a teacher, there is nothing written about what should be done," she said. "There's no procedure for dealing with that. I do agree with the notion that all complaints should be taken into account."

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the senate has not yet made a decision on the motion.

Lawrence said the senate will also discuss a resolution that will give benefits to domestic partners.

"It's a general resolution in favor of providing support to domestic partners," she said. "It's like how married couples get benefits."

Carpenter said a guest speaker will make a presentation about the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Another presentation will be given by three faculty members about Eastern's international program.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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## EDITORIAL

# Latest tuition increases fair to students

The Board of Trustees approved tuition and fees increases Monday. Tuition will increase 7.5 percent for all returning students.

This increase is just in comparison to other universities in the state.

For example, Southern Illinois University's board of trustees approved similar increases. Tuition for students returning to Carbondale will pay 7.3 percent more than they did this year.

Eastern's board of trustees approved another set of tuition increases in order to comply with the provisions of State of Illinois Public Act 93-0228, or the Truth in Tuition

Act. The act calls for universities to guarantee students the same tuition rate for four consecutive academic years.

To comply with this act, Eastern increased tuition for incoming students 16 percent.

Incoming students have a greater increase because their tuition will not increase unless they do not graduate within four years.

Southern Illinois University also made steps to get in stride with the Act by increasing tuition for incoming students by 15.9 percent.

Western Illinois University, which has been using the system for five years, increased tuition for incoming students by 16 percent.

Tuition and fees are going to increase every year. Universities need to increase tuition to compensate for inflation and the amount of appropriated dollars they receive from the state.

This year's increases are completely fair to Eastern's students.

In the future though, students will not have to worry about tuition increases. Students will pay the same amount for tuition all four years of their college education, that is, if universities can effectively put the Truth in Tuition Act into effect.

Western Illinois University has proven it is possible.

Keeping tuition the same for students is a beneficial. It will help students budget for their educational expenses better. Since students will know how much tuition will cost each year, universities will not have to worry as much about losing students who cannot afford to continue their education because of cost increases. Students who need help paying for an education will still have to worry about going into debt, but with the new act in place, students will know how much they will need over the course of four years.

Until Truth in Tuition is in place, tuition and fees increases are justifiable and necessary in maintaining the facilities and services Eastern offers.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

### At issue

A tuition and fees increase of 7.5 percent for all returning students was approved Monday by the Board of Trustees.

### Our stance

The increase was reasonable until a better system is in place.

## OPINION

# Tillman definition of heroism, courage



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On Friday, the world of sports news was overtaken by a story beyond sports. The death in Afghanistan of former NFL safety Pat Tillman.

While hundreds of soldiers gave their lives before Pat Tillman, his sacrifice dominated the headlines. The reason being Tillman was a unique story of an individual who gave hope to all those who look around and feel as if the world is dominated by greed and selfishness.

Tillman enlisted in the army after completing his fourth year with the Arizona Cardinals, the last two being very successful and promising. Tillman said goodbye to his new wife, a three year \$3.6 million contract and all the fame and glory associated with the NFL. His enlistment wage was \$18,000 a year. He turned down everything that any kid who straps on the helmet and pads dreams of.

While I know many brave people who have enlisted in the Armed Forces, I do not know anyone who would enlist while having the above as their alternative choice. It is a choice that seems shocking and unbelievable before the true respect and admiration sets in. His former teammate Simeon Rice upon hearing of his decision two years ago poked fun of him on the Jim Rome Show. Many found themselves asking "Why would someone do this?"

Those people never got an answer; Tillman refused any interviews or media attention because of a fear of it being construed as a publicity stunt. He went to boot camp wanting to be

*"All too often we look to TV and see players complain about their contract squabbles, not being respected or referring to a stupid football game as war."*

treated like the next Joe Blow who decided to enlist instead of going to college.

The sense of bravery, honor and responsibility is a lesson we can all learn from. In an interview he gave after 9/11, but before he enlisted, Tillman spoke of all his family has given for their country and that "I haven't really done a damn thing as far as laying myself on the line like that."

As I sat down to watch the 5 o'clock "Sportcenter" on Friday, I couldn't help but notice the irony radiating from the television. The show opened with a good piece about Tillman. It highlighted his life, his decision and his dedication. The second story on tap was the story of Eli Manning and his "soccer mom" dad, Archie, whining and complaining about having to make \$7 million a year on a "losing team."

While Eli was still laying in his crib with his umbilical cord attached, Tillman was in Afghanistan doing what he felt was his duty, defending the coun-

try and not making \$3.6 million a year to knock around morons like Eli Manning.

Paola Boivin, a sports reporter for *The Arizona Republic*, summed up this clash of morals and values best when he described Tillman as "the guy who renewed our faith in the professional athlete."

All too often we look to TV and see players complain about their contract squabbles, not being respected or referring to a stupid football game as war. Kellen Winslow was immortalized in a moment that will go down in sound byte infamy. Last fall Winslow referred to the game his team, the Miami Hurricanes, just lost as war. "They're out there to kill you, so I'm out there to kill them. . . I'm a f\*\*\*ing soldier."

It was a relief to finally see a sports star, or any celebrity for that matter, show he is down to earth and still knows what is important in life. It is a lesson all of us can learn from. It's just a shame that he had to die for us to take notice.

Today loyalty and bravery are far too often given out to people like Winslow when they make a good catch or play with a broken finger. While Manning is whining about what team he is playing for, Frank Thomas complains about his \$6 million dollar salary being "embarrassing" and Randy Moss takes every other play off, we need to remember that those who are fighting overseas are the ones who are truly courageous, brave and heroic. Not some selfish oblivious kid who can jump high or throw hard.

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Objectification result of both genders

This letter is in response to the April 21 opinion page focus of the objectification of women.

Carly Mullady, I am going to let you in on a few things you may have missed in your poetic column the other day.

Firstly, the root of women's objectification is neither reliant upon men, nor upon women. The whole problem has rooted itself much more deeply into American society than that. Not only the problem itself, but also its cause has become ingrained in the very structure of inter-gender relation and communication.

What I am speaking of is the obvious differences inherent in men and women. This is not from a sociological standpoint however. This is from a simple knowledge of the characteristics of both men and women's wants and needs.

Men, from their inception,

are taught or trained to hold power as a necessary and imperative trait in accomplishing their goals in life.

Women are taught to focus on emotional wholeness.

Perhaps men, so out of touch with their emotions, are disconnected from the world of women, but whatever the reason, men simply can not understand women's need for intense emotion. Thus men feel that women are weak. Showing signs of pain is a feeling of weakness, showing care is a weakness and allowing someone to become a part of ones life is a weakness.

This situation is cynical in that men in power are unwilling to place into power candidates with characteristics they consider weak. Thus you have the classic glass-ceiling gender inequality of today.

In dealing with your examples of the objectification of women, I will be blunt.

Women are objectified because they allow themselves to be objectified.

This isn't to say that men are not at fault for doing so; however, if women are insistent in making a change, I will give you some information you may otherwise be unaware of.

Men at this age are stereotypically not interested in relationships, settling down or finding a life partner. They use women because it has become easy to do so.

Women's desire for emotional security outweighs their better judgement in dealing with men and they allow themselves to be used.

I cannot tell you how many times I have lied to girls to get what I want. Nor can I

tell you how many of my female friends, against my advice, have gone back to their cheating boyfriends or have continued dating guys they knew were treating them badly.

This has nothing to do with strippers, female porn stars or tight pants. This is simply idiocy. I can think of no better way to describe it.

Men will have power over women until women realize they do not need us, can live without us and frankly, should never have cared about us to begin with. Then and only then, will men realize they can't treat women the way they do.

Andrew Caruso,  
 senior English major

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# Departing officers perceive vast potential in new execs

By Lauren Moore  
STAFF WRITER

The five student executive officers say they will miss the camaraderie of student government, while adding that they believe their successors have endless potential.

The new executive members include the following: Student Body President Chris Getty; Student Executive Vice President Adam Howell; Student Vice President for Financial Affairs Nikki Kull; Student Vice President for Academic Affairs Dirk Muffler; and Student Vice President for Student Affairs Matt Kulp.

The previous officers of the 2003-2004 school year have high hopes set for these new officers.

"Getty seems like a nice guy and has a lot of potential, and I wish him the best of luck," said Caleb Judy, student body president.

Bill Davidson, previous student executive vice president, said, "it will be quite interesting to see how student government will be conducted next year; there will be lots of new experiences."

Davidson hopes the new board will stay focused on what needs to get done.

"Hopefully the board will be highly motivated," Davidson said. "Past officers have become burnt out. I'm hoping the new members will bring new life to the board."

Both Larry Ward, the previous vice president for financial affairs, and Davidson said they have learned a lot and will miss many things about their positions.

"I have learned to be yourself and to respect other opinions," Ward said. "It can be a great chal-

## The Five Fighting For You



Chris Getty



Adam Howell



Nikki Kull



Dirk Muffler



Matt Kulp

"I will meet with Dirk Muffler this week to go over what his job entails as student vice president for academic affairs," said Amanda Sartore, who held the position this year. "The new members elected should keep every student in mind and realize their position affects the entire campus and community."

Davidson said he has learned, "no matter how hard you try in completing aspirations, you are only as strong as your weakest link. Many of the objectives this year needed the help of many people, but I never realized how important it was to get people motivated."

The previous members feel that they have made several accomplishments this year. Ward said some of those include the following: researching registered student organization funding, renovating the Student Activities Center and developing the Student Leadership Council.

Davidson added the establishment of an alliance with the Faculty Senate to increase student votership was another accomplishment. The alliance allowed students to register to vote while in class.

Davidson suggests more students should run for executive and senator positions.

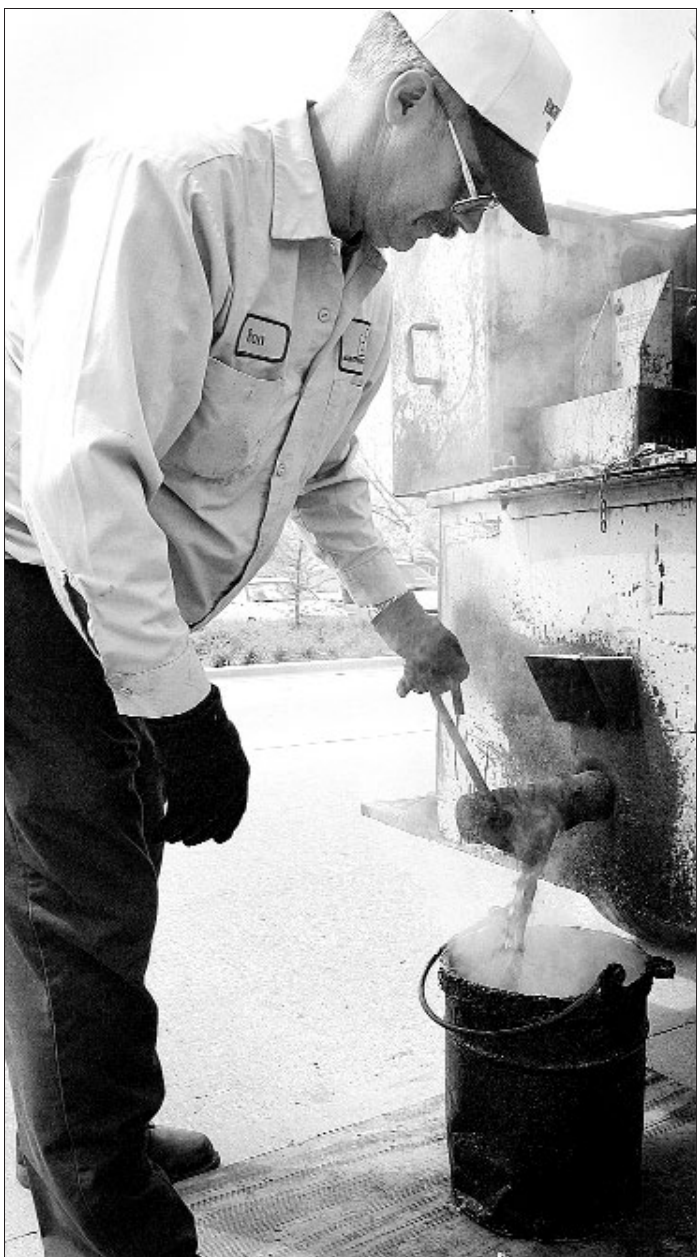
"I would like to see the launching of a public relations program to bring awareness about the influences student government has on the university," Davidson said.

Davidson and Ward also have advice for the new members.

"Remember to follow through and do the best job they can, (by) leading by example," Ward said.

allenge to represent 11,000 other students in important decisions that may involve literally hundreds of thousands of dollars and still go to class like everyone else."

Ward said he will miss the relationships, friendships and bonds he has made while being involved in student government.



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## Roof repair

Ron Croy, a maintenance roofer for the university, fills a bucket of roofing asphalt Monday afternoon outside Ford Hall. Workers were finishing the roof-replacement project.

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## Eeek!

Russ Meier, a senior music education major, gets a TB test Monday afternoon on the second floor of Buzzard Hall. The TB test was administered to all student teachers by Health Services.

# WEIU lands first place finish at awards gala

By Brittany Robson  
CAMPUS REPORTER

The campus news station's hard work was honored at the Illinois News Broadcasters Association awards banquet on April 17 with three individual awards and one newscast award.

Kelly Runyon, news director of WEIU, the campus news station, said the station entered 15 to 20 different entries in the four following categories: outstanding TV news cast, outstanding news reporting, outstanding sports reporting and outstanding videography.

The station tied for first place with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the nightly newscast category for its news watch. The win was the first for Eastern.

Blake Wood, sophomore speech communication major, won first place for outstanding TV news reporting.

"As a reporter, I cover news stories in 12 counties in Illinois," he said. "I was very happy when I won."

Runyon said she was extremely honored as a news director for WEIU's wins. She said WEIU was competing against larger schools, such as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Bradley.

"It brought tears to my eyes,"

she said.

Russ Leonard, sophomore speech communication major, took second place for outstanding TV sports reporting. He said he was very honored and happy to win.

"I produce three days a week, and the other days I am a reporter, doing interviews and highlights," he said.

Leonard said for the competition he sent in a tape package of four different sports news broadcasts.

Jared Brooks, junior speech communication major, captured honorable mention for outstanding TV sports reporting.

The INBA is an association of news broadcast journalists that meets to discuss pressing matters for Illinois media. Runyon said the INBA has a banquet twice a year for student TV newscasters.

"This is a way we professionals in Illinois can look around and find the up and comers in broadcast journalism," INBA President Steve Scott said.

Tom Weber, the INBA member in charge of this year's awards, said Eastern has come out of nowhere with its student news division in recent years.

"EIU wasn't as competitive when I was a student and their rise in recent years is really a credit to that program," he said.

# Baroque music festivity to usher in the sweet sounds of Bach

By Eboni Neely  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern will present the Master's of Innovation: Bach and Beyond at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston on Tuesday April 27, 2004.

Peter Loewen, assistant music professor, said the day will start at

10:30 a.m. with a lecture and demonstration of the instruments from the Baroque time period from 1600 to 1750.

"The event is educational, interesting and fun," Loewen said. "Everyone should come, there is no cost to attend this day long event."

There will be brown bag lunches

provided from noon to 1:30 p.m. This is also a chance for the audience to speak with the musicians, all of which attend Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., and ask them any questions they might have, Loewen said.

At 1:30 p.m., the musicians will give private lessons to anyone interested in working with them.

The lessons will coincide with the lecture and demonstration.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature musicians including Joelle Morton, a performer and teacher who plays the viola da gamba.

Avi Stein, a doctoral student who plays the harpsichord, is completing a dual degree in harpsichord

and organ at Indiana University.

Kathryn Montoya, who is completing a doctorate at Indiana University, plays the recorder and the baroque oboe.

Loewen said the concert will include Sonata No. 2 by Giovanni Paolo Cimi, Toccata in the Second Tone by Tarquinio Merula and Sonata in F.

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# Flamenco guitarist serenades students amidst fervid spirit

By David Thill  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Eastern was exposed to a bit of gypsy culture Saturday at the 7th Street Underground when a flamenco guitarist played for students.

Ronald Radford has been playing flamenco guitar for over 30 years and brought his musical stylings to Eastern via the cultural arts committee and the University Board.

"He is great to bring because he brings a lot of culture," said University Board Chair Maria Santoyo.

Radford played guitar, sang and shared stories with the audience about his experiences in touring

and playing flamenco music.

He also explained the philosophy of the music to the people.

"When you play flamenco, you must play with love," Radford said.

He began playing music at age seven, learned piano at age 10 and received his first guitar when he was 14.

He was inspired at a young age by flamenco music when his mother brought home a Carlos Montoya album.

"I found myself captivated by this music," Radford said. "Hearing this music was a transforming experience for me."

Radford, originally from Oklahoma, has been touring for nearly 30 years, has produced two albums, toured all over the United

States and even performed at Carnegie Hall.

He began touring when he auditioned for management in New York City, Radford said.

His performance at Eastern, part of a regular concert series, is just the type of setting he prefers. An informal, small, live audience is his favorite, he said.

Radford has also toured internationally, appearing in Mexico and Central America.

"I'm sort of a musical goodwill ambassador," Radford said.

He played numerous different styles of flamenco guitar including classical, romantic and dance. Radford was accompanied by a traditional flamenco dancer, Tamara La Garbancito.



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Flamenco guitarist Ronald Radford watches dancer Tamara La Garbancito during his Saturday evening performance at Seventh Street Underground.

## Providers:

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to drop Health Alliance will affect people living in the downstate area, while dropping Unicare and OSF will affect people in the

Chicago area.

"This news is very preliminary, albeit, true. What we do know is that 80,000 public employees will have to switch (health care) providers and 43,000 of them are covered by Health Alliance, which

is a Carle Hospital provider."

UPI Chapter President Charles Delman said he also heard of the decision Monday and said he suspects the reason behind the drop could be financial.

"I assume it has something to do

with finances," Delman said. "I think the reason (the state) dropped (Health Alliance) is because it's more expensive than some of the other ones."

Delman, who is a Health Alliance member, said "this is very trouble-

some because it greatly reduces the number of choices employees have."

Delman said many of his colleagues have Health Alliance and said about 300 UPI members belong to Health Alliance as well.

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27 Invent

30 Enzyme suffix

32 Baseball playoffs mo.

33 Mikhail of chess

34 Adage

35 Home of the Blue Devils

36 Municipality's dock?

40 Part of a financial portfolio

41 Yale, for one

42 Q-Tip target

43 Put down, on the street

44 Place where you can get into hot water

45 No less than

49 Looks out for, at a heist

51 Commotion

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1 Hung loosely

2 More upbeat

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8 Billy of "Titanic"

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Puzzle by Ron Sweet

21 Ball that may hit an umpire

22 Meadow mother

26 Summer in Suisse

28 Just slightly

29 Indianapolis 500 time

30 Sound of relief

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36 Nitpicked

37 Socially improper

38 Future aves?

39 Record-setting Ripken

40 Pharmaceutic al-safety org.

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46 "The way things are ..."

47 One of a slapstick trio

48 Prison escape route, maybe

50 Cafeteria carriers

51 Underway

54 "Java" player AI

55 Home to Columbus

56 "Chiquitita" quartet

57 Freshman, usually

58 "You here"



**Dean:**

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**Lasky plans to travel with wife, who also is retiring**

College at Eastern Illinois University." Margaret Messer, assistant to the dean, also expressed her appreciation for Lasky's leadership. "He has the ability to challenge and motivate both students and staff," said Messer, who has worked 11 years for Lasky. "I have personally benefited from his mentoring and guidance through the years I have worked for him." Lasky said he plans to continue academic consulting with other colleges on their honors programs and finishing two books he has been working on for about 17 years. Lasky has worked with the College of DuPage, Shawnee State University and the Rio Grande University on reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of their honors programs. "When evaluating the programs I always make sure the program is organic to the institution," Lasky said. As for his books, Lasky said he is going back to his "craft as a historian." "I gave up on my books 15 years ago when I started receiving 22 phone calls in two hours," Lasky said jokingly. "I had been working on (the books) for

*"He has the ability to challenge and motivate both students and staff."*

—Margaret Messer, assistant to the dean

about two years before giving up on them and I am excited to begin work once again." During his retirement, Lasky said he plans to travel with his wife, Jane, who is also retiring from the Honors College. Lasky said he has been to Italy a number of times and said San Gamanio, Italy, is his favorite vacation spot. "I've never been anywhere I didn't like," Lasky said. "Italy, though, is wonderful and just so beautiful. The people are really nice and you'd have to try hard to find a bad meal." A search committee is in the process of interviewing candidates to fill Lasky's position. Lasky said he is excited to see who will receive his former position and will be as helpful as he can to whoever succeeds him. "Dean Lasky will be greatly missed. He leaves a great legacy of successful students," Messer said. "He has been a very positive force in improving academic quality and increasing opportunities for academically talented students at EIU."

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**Offenses:**

**Prison sentences could result**

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Retirement Fund. The charges of theft are for the amount the two would have received over their lifetimes from their retirement pensions, about \$205,000. England allegedly increased

his monthly income by \$358, while Loew allegedly increased hers by \$439. They could each face a prison sentence of three to seven years for theft if they are convicted. For the other charges, they could face prison terms of two to five years. None of the excess pension money has been returned to the city, Ferguson said. Both Loew and England retired from long careers with the city early last year. England worked for the city for 25 years, while Loew worked for the city for 33 years, 27 as city clerk. "My belief is that they were doing this together," Ferguson said. "It'll have to await resolution of this case, although the city could pursue civil collection also," he said. Initial appearances will be the next step in the trial but a date has not been set.

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Illinois pitcher Brandon Murphy throws against Indiana on Sunday at Illinois Field. Illinois travels to Charleston on Tuesday to take on Eastern Illinois at Coaches Stadium.

# Illini fits for Charleston native

By John Hohenadel  
SPORTS REPORTER

Brandon Murphy is a Charleston native playing baseball for the University of Illinois.

Growing up in Charleston, Murphy could be found at numerous Eastern sporting events. However, he always had a certain passion for baseball.

Murphy earned 10 varsity letters at Charleston High School including three in football, three in basketball and four in baseball.

When it came time to choose a college, it was between Eastern, which offered Murphy a split scholarship in baseball and football, and Illinois, which offered him a full baseball scholarship.

"It was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make in my life," Murphy said.

Murphy chose Illinois for a couple reasons.

"He thought his best chance after college was baseball," said Murphy's father Brian.

"If I don't make it as a professional baseball player, I'll have an education from the University of Illinois as a safety net," Murphy said.

Another reason Murphy chose Illinois was because he spent almost his whole life in Charleston, and felt he would get a better college experience away from home. It got to a point where maybe he was a little over familiar with Eastern.

Mr. Murphy remembers taking Brandon to a weekend baseball camp at Eastern that head coach Jimmy Schmitz was running when

*"It was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make in my life."*

—Brandon Murphy, Illinois pitcher

Murphy was just nine years old.

"He also wanted to go to a bigger school," Mr. Murphy said. "Illinois is also close enough so if he wants to come home and see his family, it's less than an hour away. Illinois was a perfect fit for Brandon."

After a successful high school career, Murphy went to Illinois and head coach Richard "Itch" Jones said he didn't expect Murphy to make a big contribution as a freshman.

"You never really expect a lot out of a freshman," Jones said. "He came in and had some problems with his mechanics but he's been working on those problems and has started to come on."

Murphy said it's been a challenge for him to fix his mechanical problems but everybody goes through problems and he knows he just has to work through it.

This past weekend Murphy pitched 4 1/3 innings against Indiana and only gave up three hits. Unfortunately two of those hits were homeruns.

Murphy has pitched 20 innings on the season and has a 4.95 earned run average. He has given up 22 hits, walked five and struck out 13 batters.

Murphy holds Charleston high

school records in wins (32), hits (151) and doubles (40).

Murphy said he loved every minute of his high school career but it just went by so fast.

"I loved going out there and competing for bragging rights," Murphy said.

Murphy was born in St. Louis and grew up a Cardinals fan. Mr. Murphy remembers Brandon saying when he grew up he wanted to take Ozzie Smith's place at short-stop. Now that Smith is retired and Murphy has become a pitcher that goal is unattainable, however, playing at the professional level is definitely still one of Murphy's goals.

"I think playing at the professional level is an aspiration of 99.9 percent of all college athletes," Murphy said.

Mr. Murphy said Brandon's favorite pitchers to watch growing up were Curt Schilling, Nolan Ryan and Greg Maddux.

However, come Tuesday afternoon, Murphy will be watching former Charleston teammate, Jason Pinnell pitch against his Illini.

"I learned a lot when he was a senior and I was a freshman at Charleston High School," Murphy said. "It'll be weird to watch him throw in four years. It will be interesting to see how he has changed and matured."

Murphy said he would have liked to pitch against Eastern but he won't even make the trip with the team. However, that won't stop him from attending the game. His father is going to pick him up so Murphy can watch the Panthers take on the Illini.

## GOLF ♦ OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Panthers still in hunt despite poor scores in par-four holes

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Last week Eastern head coach Mike Moncel mentioned that junior Kyle Averkamp was hitting the ball better than he'd ever had; he couldn't have been more correct.

After the first round of the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Championships, Averkamp sits in seventh place, three shots behind the leader after posting a 1-over-par 73, in one of the most up-and-down rounds of the tournament.

The Quincy native led the field with five birdies but had some bogeys on the four par 3's in which he played at 2-over on the day. Averkamp was one back at 1-under as he made the turn but played the easier back

nine at 2-over 38. He played the par 5's, which were certainly the scoring holes, at 2-under.

The Panthers team should be competing for its first ever OVC title if it wasn't for scoring the worst on the 12 par 4's. Eastern played the par 4's at 28-over-par, but managed its middle of the road road finish by finishing second on the par 5's at 1-under-par and leading the par 3 scoring at 5-over-par.

The defending champion Austin Peay posted the only under-300 round at 298 and leads by four over Murray State and Jacksonville State.

The drama of the tournament will come down to the final pair of holes at The Country Club of Paducah, where a par and a birdie may win somebody medalist honors. The par 4, 379-yard 17th hole played nearly a

### Averkamp just shy of leader

Pos.	Player	School	Score
1	Drew Alexander	EKU	34-36=70
7	Kyle Averkamp	EIU	35-38=72

half a stroke over-par which is surprising for a hole so short. However, the par 5, 511-yard 18th hole was rated as the second-easiest hole on the golf course on day one playing under par overall. 14 birdies and the only two eagles of the day were made on the final hole of the day.

Eastern Kentucky senior Drew Alexander came into the event as the forgotten player after recording his highest OVC finish of eighth as a freshman. Four years later, he

goes to bed with the first round lead and is one shot ahead of OVC favorites in Austin Peay's senior Matt Gallan and Tennessee State's Robert Dinwiddie. Gallan, the defending OVC champion, shot the second-best back nine with a 34 to balance his opening 37 to end at 1-under-par 71. Dinwiddie also had a 71 but accumulated it in a different way. The 2002 OVC champion and player of the year nearly shot himself out of the tournament by posting a front nine 39 but to say the Tigers senior recovered would be an understatement. Dinwiddie got it back to 1-over overall after a pair of birdies on the back nine and then completed the comeback on the reachable 18th. Dinwiddie proceeded to make the day's second eagle on the final hole to post a back-nine 32.

Tuesday's second round begins at 8 a.m.

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TRACK

# Stepping up at Des Moines

◆ *Strong showings at Drake Stadium a barometer for remainder of season*

Adam Dremak  
STAFF WRITER

In the 95th annual running of the Drake Relay, eight members of the men's track team competed in Des Moines, Iowa, this past weekend.

About 18,000 fans crowded Drake Stadium on Saturday afternoon selling out for the venue for the 38th consecutive year, the longest streak in U.S track history. This year, 8,512 total athletes competed the Drake Relay including grade school, high school, college and professional athletes.

Jake Stout highlighted an overall solid showing for Eastern with a third place finish in the 3000 meter steeplechase. His time of 9 minutes and 4 seconds qualified him for regionals as well as being sixth all time at Eastern.

The 4x200 meter relay team ran two seconds faster than they did the previous week at Kansas. The 4x400 meter relay team ran a seasonal best time at 3:15 without standout Jermaine Jones,

"Jermaine is still coming off an injury and is around 50 percent. Even without him running in the 4X400 we had a real good time in that. Hopefully by the conference meet we can have him healthy," head coach Tom Akers said.

The men also competed at the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Cougar Twilight Meet over the weekend.

Jason Stark and Obe Eruteya both tied for first in the high jump clearing 6 feet 8 inches in the rain and also having good attempts at 6'10. Together, they currently have the best jumps in conference. Aaron Grobengieser took first in the javelin throwing with 197' 8", which stands seventh all time at Eastern and currently leads the conference by 20 feet.

"There weren't the best conditions at Drake. But we get to match-up against the best competition in

the Midwest and in some cases the country. This is especially good for the younger athletes who may not be afraid in later competitions because of this," Akers said.

Akers was very pleased with the results as the team prepares to go into the conference competition. Winning conference will not be easy, but Akers is confident his team can win it.

"We have had the performances and we have the athletes to do very well at conference this year. We just need to stay healthy right now," Akers said.

The conference meet is at Samford May 7-8 and Eastern may have the biggest disadvantage because they travel the furthest of any other team in the conference. But Akers doesn't think this will be a problem though.

"We worked out there over spring break to get familiar with the track. So we are a little familiar with their facilities," Akers said.

Eastern's women also competed at the Twilight Meet, showing a lot of character and grit in competing through the poor conditions, according to head coach Mary Wallace.

"It was good for the entire team to compete together. The weather conditions were not ideal, but overall the ladies did a good job of competing well," Wallace said.

Alicia Harris continued to do well by winning the 200 and 400 meter sprints. Ronesha Franklin won the long jump and triple jump. Adrienne Leschewski made a strong throw in the discuss to give her a first-place win. Angie Simone won the 5,000 meter run, Kristen Chandler won the 3,000 meter steeplechase and Megan Garrity won the 100 meter hurdles. The 4x100 meter relay team also took first place.

Wallace was very impressed by her teams overall success.

"Seeing athletes step up to the challenge was a good sign. Some athletes aren't afraid to compete no matter who was in the competition," she said. "We are very confident where we are as a team, now going into the conference meet."

Seidlitz:

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While one of the strengths for Eastern next year will be the center Pam O'Connor who will anchor the post. But even though she benefits when Eastern slows the pace of the game down to get the ball into the post, when she is out of the

game the up tempo style of play could be used then.

Overall, the commitment and desire Sallee promises to bring to the women's basketball program at Eastern could help turn the corner. His success as a recruiter and a coach will be proven over time, but initially he seems like the kind of injection Eastern needs to boost a struggling program.

A P S P O R T S

## Bears' top pick a poet, son of a preacher

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — He's a self-described Army brat, a poet and the son of a preacher. Tommie Harris also has a sense of humor and enough football talent to be a first-round draft choice.

When he was chosen Saturday at No. 14 by the Chicago Bears, his dad was so thrilled he got up and danced. Harris was so worn out from the hoopla that when he went to a movie that night, he fell asleep in the theater.

Still weary from a hectic weekend that was one of the most important of his life, Harris showed a sense for his new surroundings Monday when he opened up a tin of breath mints and passed them out to reporters.

Then, he did some asking of his own.

"How big is this place?" he asked. Told there are roughly 8 million people in the Chicago area, Harris let out a "Whoooaa!"

"Is there good marketing down here?" he wanted to know.

He was told the possibilities are endless — especially if he becomes the type of defensive tackle the Bears envisioned. Maybe he'll find his way on a billboard.

"Urlacher on the billboard?" he asked of the Bears' four-time Pro Bowl linebacker whose jersey and face are a common sight in the city.

Harris, who won the Lombardi Award at Oklahoma as the nation's best interior lineman, skipped his senior season. At age 20, he's young and fresh with deep religious convictions.

## Little charged with DUI

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Rams defensive end Leonard Little, who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a 1998 accident that killed a St. Louis woman, was charged Monday as a persistent offender with felony driving while intoxicated and speeding.

Little, 29, was arrested shortly before 4 a.m. Saturday after police in the St. Louis suburb of Ladue pulled him over for reportedly traveling 78 mph in a 55-mph zone on Interstate 64. A probable cause statement filed by police said Little had bloodshot and watery eyes,

smelled of alcohol and failed three roadside sobriety tests.

The statement said Little admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages.

St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch declined to say whether Little took a breath test.

Little, freed later Monday on \$7,500 bond, was suspended without pay for the first half of the 1999 season after he pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a 1998 accident that killed Susan Gutweiler. In that case, Little's blood alcohol level was nearly twice the legal limit.

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bly was also the year in which he started to garner some national attention from professional scouts.

In 2002, he hauled in 57 receptions for 721 yards along with seven touchdowns. His size was particularly useful for the Panthers once they entered the red zone, and when paired with wide receiver Will Bumphus the Panthers had a tandem that pro-

duced plenty of end zone potential.

But without Bumphus, and the 12 touchdowns he put up, Eller struggled to find as much room to find receptions in his senior year. With extra attention being paid to him by opposing defense Eller's receptions, yards and touchdowns all went down. But his importance on the team did not drop.

Especially now that Eller has been drafted, people who surrounded Eller at Eastern fully understand that even though his numbers went down his work ethic

rose over the past year. They also understand that is why he has a chance to make in the NFL now.

"I wish there were more guys on our squad that were like him (Eller)," Spoo said. "Too many players don't do enough with their God-given talent, but Nick certainly wasn't one of those guys."

"He did everything he could this year to improve as both a blocker and a receiver, and he really did improve his 40 time. All of that work showed how much he wanted to make it to the next level."

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## THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Women's coach will inject some passion

When at a press conference, nothing is supposed to interrupt the introduction of a new head coach.

But something tells me the new head coach for the women's basketball team, Brady Sallee, didn't mind considering the interjection of the conference since it came from his little daughter.

"You can see who runs our household," the coach said with a little chuckle.

But he also made it clear that while his daughter may run his household, he will be the man running the women's basketball program at Eastern.

The new man running the team sensed disappointment in Eastern women's basketball from miles away, as he spent time as assistant coach at both Kent State and most recently Eastern Carolina.

"I saw the results Eastern was getting, and I knew they could be better than that," Sallee said.

Its good to see that the coach understands that what was happening in Lantz Arena over the past couple of years wasn't quite up to par.

But Sallee brings a new energy and excitement to a program that is in desperate need for it. Being in his 30's, Sallee says he has a passion for basketball that will prove itself on the court and immediately as he expects better from this team next season.

Not only does he hope that passionate coaching style will result in victories on the court, but Sallee also wants fannies in those empty seats at Lantz Arena.

I can't imagine something more demoralizing for a team when you leave the trainers and coaching staff behind in the locker room, only to run out to a court that has fewer people in it than the locker room had.

While it may not have been that bad in actuality, there still weren't many people sitting and partaking in a women's basketball game last season.

But the dedication Sallee seems to have for this team and this university might actually be enough to change that.

Another thing he wants to do is use his friends in the coaching fraternity to bring a higher level of competition to Lantz Arena. In this case, he spoke of teams like Boston College, Virginia and others to be possible teams to bring as potential national contenders to Eastern.

If this doesn't help spark some interest, I don't know what will. Especially if Eastern can find some sort of success against teams like this.

Also, the style in which Sallee coaches will also bring some excitement to the court. Up tempo and defensive pressure should be a couple of terms that college basketball fans should love to hear.

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## FOOTBALL



Former Panther tight-end Nick Eller (88) with referees at a Sept. 13, 2003, game vs. Missouri at Faurot Field.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

# Undrafted Eller joins NFL rank

## ◆ Former tight end Nick Eller signs contract with Baltimore Ravens

By Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS EDITOR

Another NFL draft weekend came and went without an Eastern player being selected, but as former Eastern players know that is not the end of the process.

Former Eastern quarterback Tony Romo learned this last year when he was picked up by the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent, and the trend has continued this year.

The latest former Panther to learn of this is tight end Nick Eller, who inked his name to a training

camp contract with the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday night.

"It was exciting from the beginning when I got the phone call last (Sunday) night," Eller said. "I knew a little bit before now, but not a whole lot. There were a couple teams that my agent thought were more interested, but the Ravens were the team that took the chance on me first."

The other teams that Eller's agent spoke of were the Buffalo Bills and the Seattle Seahawks.

Even though Eller wasn't drafted, he found the excruciating part of the process to be the days following the NFL draft.

During those subsequent days in which interest is taken by the team toward the undrafted free agents,

Eller was worried that he wouldn't be picked up.

"I wasn't even really watching the draft because I knew that wasn't my time," Eller said. "But the time after the draft seemed endless, because that was when I was expecting something to happen."

Finally some action came Sunday night, which set up Eller with a situation in which he feels comfortable going into once training camp starts.

This opportunity will give Eller the chance to compete for the third string tight end position on Baltimore's depth chart, and also the chance to work with a pro bowl caliber tight end in Todd Heap.

The strengths Eller believes he brings into training camp could

only be improved upon by the influence of a veteran tight end who has found as much success as Heap has.

This made Eller extremely excited about the situation he will be playing in once he found out who he would be playing with and learning under.

"Definitely the opportunity that I will get when I work under a guy like him (Heap) will be beneficial," Eller said.

Over his time at Eastern, the 6 foot 4 inch tight end had been a consistent target for Eastern quarterbacks in Spoo's system.

Eller's most significant year did come in his junior year, and proba-

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## BASEBALL ♦ EASTERN VS. ILLINOIS

# Illini to test Panthers' in-state dominance



Freshman infielder Ryan Campbell runs to first against SEMO April 25 at Coaches Stadium.

By Dan Renick  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Illinois hopes to avenge last year's 10-2 blow out, given to them by Illinois when they host the Fighting Illini at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Coaches Field.

The Panthers (16-21, 10-5) have lost to their rival Illini the last two years but are rolling after a big conference weekend in which they moved into second place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Illinois, however, lost Sunday against Indiana. The loss dropped them to 15-21 overall and 7-9 in the Big Ten, but the Illini had a bright spot in the weekend series on Saturday when head coach Richard "Itch" Jones won his 1,200 game.

"I think we beat them (the Illini) the first five years I was here," head coach Jimmy Schmitz said, "but the last two or three years they have smoked us."

But Schmitz is expecting this year's in-state affair to



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be a little more competitive. The Illini are led into Charleston by red-hot catcher Chris Robinson. Robinson won Big Ten player of the week after going 8-of-12 with two doubles and a home run in a three-game set with the Hoosiers.

But Illinois' depleted pitching staff could have trouble with the big Eastern bats.

"They're a well coached team that is always prepared," Schmitz said of the Illini.

So far this year Eastern is undefeated against in-state teams. Success in-state can help draw Illinois recruits to Charleston, Schmitz said, because it helps stack teams against each other when recruits are making deci-

sions on who to sign with. "With the internet some kids know how we do against other teams recruiting them before I do," Schmitz said.

The Panthers will send junior Jason Pinnell to the mound for the start, his first since 2002. Pinnell has seen limited action this year but came into relieve twice within the last week. In Saturday's win against Southeast Missouri, Pinnell came in the game for 1 1/3 innings of work. In that game Pinnell struck out one and did not allow a hit.

"He threw well for us this weekend and we're looking for another starter," Schmitz said. "He has three or four pitches he uses and looked good lately."