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UNIVERSITY | MONEY

Investment Committee to reveal endowment

By KRYSTAL MOYA

Administration Editor

The Eastern Illinois University Foundation's committees will present to the Board of Directors on the status of the endowment, scholarships and grants at the end of fiscal year 2008.

Administrators were alerted to instability in the endowment after Foundation President Tim Gover announced it had suffered at a 26 percent loss, which is a negative return of \$7 million at January's Board of Trustees meeting.

"As we heard at the last board meeting, the endowment had taken a loss," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. "I think we'll get an update (today) to see where the endowment sits

right at this time."

The Investment Committee will be presenting on the status of the endowment at 2 p.m. today at the Neal Welcome Center along with the other foundation committees.

The Real Estate, Finance, Scholarship and Grants, and Oversight and Outreach committees are among the others presenting recommendations to the board.

The Executive and Nominating committees will also give the board their suggestions.

"Through these committee presentations, we hope to get constructive recommendations for the entirety of the foundation," Nilsen

However, focus from an administrative standpoint is largely on

the endowment and how the move to riskier investments has fared. Investors led by Don Gher, chair of the Investment Committee, have made the move to higher risk equities after a period of low-risk investment that may have appeared the losses from the economic crisis over the last two years.

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UNIVERSITY | POSITION

Final dean candidate interviewed

News Editor

Eastern needs to serve both the students and the residents in East Central Illinois, said Richard Sax, candidate for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

He said he would look at improving cultural programs at Eastern, which would benefit students and residents of the region.

"In my past positions, especially at (Fort Lewis College in Durango, Col.), we launched many programs with people in the

Some of Sax's ideas for programming would include looking at theatrical events, art gallery openings and looking at a speaker series in literature and philosophy.

Sax also suggested having some faculty members speak at local libraries about topics or issues.

Currently the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, Sax interviewed for the dean position at Eastern on Thursday and will also interview today.

Sax, who has worked at both public and private institutions, is looking to move back to a larger public university.

He said there is more open access for students at a public uni-

The next dean has to work with resources with the three arts departments and also the six humanity departments, Sax said.

The primary focus of being here is to give a strong education to students," he said.

Students should be able to develop strong critical thinking and writing skills from their education, Sax said.

Sax said as dean, he would be responsible to resolve conflicts and negotiate differences.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences and chair of the search committee, said the committee would meet next week to review evaluations from the campus sessions.

KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Richard Sax, the final candidate for the position of Dean of the Arts and Humanities, talks with faculty during a campus social on Thursday night in the Tarble Arts Center atrium.

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UNIVERSITY | DIVERSITY

Miss Black EIU conveys cultural experience

By HEATHER HOLM

Activities Editor

Candace Collins is one of four contestants for the Miss Black EIU pageant. The 38th Annual Miss Black EIU pageant begins at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University

"Honestly, I wanted the experience," said Collins, a senior graphics design major. "I wanted to do this since I was a freshman. This is my year to step out and try something new."

Collins said she has had to sacrifice a lot of her time.

"I had some really understanding teachers, so it all worked out really well," she said.

The contestants are judged on a creative expression topic of their choosing, a talent, an African garment contest, an evening gown contest and impromptu questions.

Topics under the creative expression section could include topics such

as underage drinking, drunk driving, STDs within the community, AIDS awareness and child or spouse abuse.

Collins' platform is based on women loving themselves and exploring different values of love.

For Collins' talent portion, she will sing the gospel song "No Greater Love" by the GMWA Mass Choir.

"I hope to inspire women on campus," Collins said. LaShawn Harris, a senior biologi-

cal sciences major, is also competing. "I decided to be involved as an opportunity to come out of my comfort zone and to show my talent and

to try to be an example for others," Harris said. "This was an opportunity to be exposed and make the most of my college years here at Eastern." For her talent, Harris will sing

"Hero" by Mariah Carey. Her creative expression will focus on drinking and driving with the theme "Play

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MOLLY CLUTTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Last year's Miss Black EIU winner Chandra Golden walks down the runway on Jan. 24, 2008, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This year's competition will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. **CAMPUS | TEXTBOOK** Electronic

books not a good fit

By JESSICA LEGGIN Campus Editor

Electronic textbooks are not a new concept.

Companies have been offering them to college students as a way to reduce costs.

Adding e-textbooks to the Textbook Rental Service does not appear to offer any current benefits.

Carol Miller, deputy director of Textbook Rental Service, said Eastern has known about electronic textbooks for a while and it is not something new.

"Probably for the last 10 years there has been information out there about electronic textbooks and about their pros and cons,"

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WEATHER BRIEF

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Career-ready hair



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jam Sims models the hair design of junior psychology major Vionka Leal for the "career and cute" category during the New Illusions Hair Show Thursday in Lumpkin Hall.

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LOCAL | BUSINESS



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Patrons of the newly re-opened Stu's, now located where Club 217 and Aj's restuarant were, enter the building on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Stu's reopens after 26 years

Original owners open bar where Aj's, Club 217 used to be

By DAVID THILL Senior Reporter

Things have come full circle at 1405 Fourth St.

The restaurant/bar has undergone several name changes and facelifts over the past few years, but after the recent closing of AJ's/Club 217, the original owners that opened Stu's bar more than a quarter-century ago have returned to their roots to reopen

It was almost 26 years to the day since Ken Keating and Jim Severson bought the building, then known simply as E.L. Kracker's, when Keating, along with wife and co-owner Nancy, reopened the doors on Feb. 6, General Manager Katie Copenhaver said.

The Keatings and Severson opened the restaurant/bar in 1983 and ran the business for 16 years until they decided to sell the building and business on contract to their, then-general manager, Nancy Keating said.

E.L. Kracker's/Stu's stayed open under the same name for the next seven years until, after the contract was not fulfilled, the Keatings reclaimed ownership of the building, Keating said.

Over the course of the next three years the building changed form E.L. Kracker's to Michael Domani's restaurant. Then, one year later, it became AJ's/Club 217, Copenhaver said.

After the closing, Keating and husband Ken made a decision.

'We thought 'It's just sitting empty, why not open it back up for a while," Keating said.

Thus, Stu's was reborn.

Copenhaver said she hopes the business will offer some things not readily available to the public before.

She referred to the club atmosphere filled with dancing bodies and loud music downstairs and the stark contrast a simple stroll upstairs reveals. "The Loft," as Keating calls it, is a much quieter, "chill" atmosphere that features pool tables, places to sit and a surprising lack of volume that one cannot help but notice down-

"We have two different environ-

It's just a great place to have fun, dance and talk to people."

—Nancy Keating, co-owner of Stu's

er said. "We are really hoping that we bring a diverse and different group (of patrons)."

And, Keating said, it just seemed natural to reopen with the same

"It seems everyone knows what Stu's was," Copenhaver said. "Even though it's being played out differently this time, the name just sticks out. Hopefully, that'll bring people back in. Maybe they can relive some old memories."

While the name stays the same, the attitude of the business has changed.

"We want everyone to have a good time, we want the employees to have a good time," she said. "No drama, no fights."

Keating also added, with a chuckle, "no muscle."

She said, while Stu's, of course, ments in one building," Copenhav- has security, "If you look at our doors or at dmthill@eiu.edu.

guys, they're all pretty small."

This is not due to a lack of muscular people with which to fill the positions, but more an indication of the selective process she went through when hiring this time around.

Out of more than 200 people to apply only 25 were hired, she said.

Keating wanted people with the right mind-set and the right attitude, not just people to physically intimidate people, she said.

"We are having a lot of fun (this time)," she said. "It's just a great place to have fun, dance and talk to people."

Although, Keating added with a laugh, she did have to lead one fellow out the door by his ear.

"We're not going to have any (fighting) here," she said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Magician one aspect of 'Chuck Vegas' Up All Nite

Event features different novelties and prizes

By HEATHER HOLM Activities Editor

Peter Boie became interested in magic when he was 11 years old when looking at books of magic

He did his first professional show when he was 15 years old.

"I kept on doing it because I thought it was a good way to make money," Boie said. "I now travel around the world performing fulltime.'

Boie will be performing at the Up All Nite "Chuck Vegas: Casino Royale.'

The Up All Nite event takes place from 8 p.m. to midnight today in the Andrews and Thomas lobbies.

"There's a lot of great magic and some comedy," Boie said. "It is very interactive."

Otis Seawood Jr., University Board special events coordinator, said Boie usually keeps his act

Boie will be giving teasers of his show all day today around campus.

Along with Boie, the night will feature blackjack, roulette, slot machines, bingo and free novelties such as life-size photo license plates, Henna body art and red carpet magazine covers.

The James Bond version of the movie "Casino Royale" will be playing at 9 p.m. in Andrews as well.

Also, students could win prizes, such as rapper T.I. concert tickets, a 32-inch plasma flat screen television, a digital video camera and

Seawood said costs for the event totaled to about \$8,000.

"This is usually the largest Up All Nite attended per year," Sea-

Erika Weaver, graduate assistant for the UB special events, contacted the entertainers and made sure their contracts were correct.

"I act as a support system," Weaver said. "I act as a liaison between Otis and the entertainers."

The Residence Hall Association co-sponsors the event and helps with the manpower.

The UB also hires different service groups along with fraternities and sororities to help out.

Food will be available at the

Heather Holm can be reached at 581-7942 or haholm@eiu.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

See Comet Lutin Friday at observatory

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

The comet is at peak brightness, and it is best viewed with binoculars. People may either bring their own binoculars or use those available at the observatory. For more information, please call the physics department at 581-3220.

Symphony plays with younger students

The EIU Wind Symphony will perform along with the finest high school musicians in the state for the Premiere Honors Wind Symphony at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Timothy Reynish of the United Kingdom and Russel Mikkelson, conductor of The Ohio State University Wind Symphony, will also be featured in the concert.

Tickets are \$5, \$3 for students. Contact the box office at 581-3110.

Students art now on display

The 2009 All-Student Show opens Saturday in the Main Galleries at Tarble Arts Center.

Presented will be work in a variety of media and styles by Eastern undergraduates as selected. The works featured include sculpture, photography, painting, weaving, graphic design and other media.

An awards reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, with the awards presentation at 2:30 p.m.

The show will be on display through March 29. Admission is free. For more information, contact 581-2787 or tarble@eiu.edu.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Zackery Plunkett, 20, of Findlay, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, blood alcohol content more than .08 and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after a 1:28 a.m. Saturday arrest at Fourth Street and Roosevelt Avenue, said the University Police Department.

John W. Edwards, 37, was arrested at 3:54 p.m. Tuesday in Booth Library for two outstanding fail to appear warrants that occurred offcampus, police said.

Renault Robinson, 20, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams after a 1:40 a.m. Wednesday arrest at Third Street and Grant Avenue, police said.

CORRECTION

Wednesday's campus briefs were rerun in Thursday's edition of The Daily Eastern News. The DEN regrets any problems this may have caused.

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SAM FISHER

No problem is too big to talk about

We live in a conservative society where limits are placed on behavior, and many actions are looked down on or prohibited.

In regards to certain substances, parents often avoid having an opinion on whether they believe something is right or wrong, saying, "There's a time and a place for everything, and it's called college."

College is built up as the ultimate social experience, where crazy stuff happens all the time, and you can do whatever you want with little or no consequences.

In the time I have been in college, a movie called "College" has come out that bills college as a nonstop party where sex and booze are omnipresent and studying is an afterthought.

Soon, a reality show called "College Life" will come out where students carry around a camera throughout their freshman year and document their experiences.

Why the obsession with college?

I guess all the adults of the world look back on college as a more carefree time of life and the kids view it some sort of Val Halla.

As someone who goes to college, I love the freedom and fresh experiences, but I also know about the extreme stresses it creates.

Professors don't get paid to worry about how much work you already have when they hand you a nice big assignment.

If too much of your leisure time gets wiped out by work, your spirit suffers and anxiety builds.

Beyond being swamped with work, the looming end of college is frightening because that blasted "real world" that everyone talks about has to start.

I had a terrifying experience with anxiety last year.

I had a slow build-up of unsettling feelings that I couldn't ignore until I was sitting on my couch and I couldn't catch my breath. I thought I was losing my mind and couldn't bear it for one more second.

I called my dad and he told me the same thing happened to him a few times in his early twenties. He calmed me down and helped me reel my mind back under control, and I made an appointment at the counseling center.

They taught me some anxiety curbing techniques and informed me that anxiety attacks are much more common than anyone thinks. People just generally don't talk about them.

The human mind is like a traveling bicycle that never stops, like the never-ending flow of time.

Sometimes the chain comes off, and we frantically pedal to keep going, but it spirals out of control.

With time, patience and humility, anyone can get back on track. The stresses of college often seem overwhelming, and it's easy to feel alone in your struggles.

Just remember no problem is as bad as it seems after you talk to someone about it. Friends, family and the great people at the Counseling Center are here to ease the anxiety that comes along with the carefree, nonstop party that is college.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

The steroid era injects apathy into American society

For most baseball fans, the introduction of steroids to the game is a travesty.

Although fans will pay exorbitant amount of money to see big names like Alex Rodriguez smash 500-foot home runs, they still object to the use of drugs that enhance players' performance and encourage longer, more awe-inspiring home runs.

Ironically, steroids saved baseball.

The 1994 players' strike was a devastating blow to America's pastime, causing the first cancellation of the World Series since 1904.

Baseball wouldn't recover until 1998, when rival sluggers Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sammy Sosa with the Chicago Cubs would finally revitalize the game – and the I-55 rivalry – with their historic single-season home run chase.

Years later, Barry Bonds with the San Francisco Giants took it one step further, breaking Hank Aaron's legendary career home runs record, arguably the most coveted title in sports.

These three men who undoubtedly saved the game are now all suspected of steroid use.

Even baseball's favorite son, New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, has admitted to past steroid use when he played for the Texas Rangers.

Why is this a big deal?

If steroids have made the game more exciting and brought in more revenue, why ban them and ostracize anyone associated with them?

Two words: They cheated.

Throughout the "juiceball era," fans assumed athletes like McGwire, Sosa and Bonds broke records honestly, without the

It was without a doubt one of the biggest letdowns in the history of sports.

Just as soon as the game won back public's trust, players were once again placed under the microscope, calling into question the honesty of every player and every Major League club, turning the national pastime into one of lies and decep-

"Moreover, the steroid era is an embarrassing statement of Americans' perceptions of heroes and how Americans will seek the easier path to greatness."

tion. The problems are severe enough to merit federal investigation, placing Major League Baseball under intense scrutiny.

What does the steroid era say about modern American society? When the drugs that discreetly plagued baseball for years were brought to public attention, it was a rude eye-opener for fans who had finally regained faith in the game they had missed since before the 1994 strike.

Moreover, the steroid era is an embarrassing statement of Americans' perceptions of heroes and how Americans will seek the easier path to greatness.

Rather than take the honest road paved with hard work and dedication, why not get to eternal reverence and fame by riding a syringe?

Imagine the message modern American culture sends to youth: "Don't worry about trying hard and putting in years of dedication. You can achieve your goals just like the pros with drugs guaranteed to have negative side effects."

And so that's what America has come to: Relying on dangerous drugs and supplements in order to achieve its goals.

From steroids to dieting pills, our culture has embraced a new synthetic life of sloth.

It's a lifestyle that should be abhorred before it can be passed on to the next generation.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGUETTE AND WEBER ARE RIGHT FOR THE JOBS

This is a request that the decisionmakers at Eastern give serious consideration to Dana Ringuette becoming the next dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, and William Weber as the next vice president for business affairs

Each of these gentlemen has served Eastern extremely well in their present positions.

Both are bright, articulate and hardworking, qualities that are very important to these positions.

Most importantly, they have demonstrated commitment and dedication to Eastern Illinois University.

In summary, Eastern would be well served by these two outstanding administrators being selected for these positions.

David Bartz

Professor Emeritus, Department of Educational Leadership

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"I plan to first be an example of a true leader and try to motivate everyone to realize their own self-worth and self-value," Harris said

Fritzlene Emile and Unique McIntosh are the two other contestants.

This year's pageant theme, is "Women of Distinction: Empowered, Intelligent, Unique."

"Every year there's a different theme, and it reflects the strong heritage behind the event," said Keila Lacy, Miss Black EIU event coordinator.

Last year's theme was "On the Wings of Destiny."

The pageant started in 1971 to bring pride, awareness and an expression of culture to the African-American community, Lacy said.

She said the pageant pays special tribute to heritage, cultural expression and an appreciation to who the contestants are as individuals.

Lacy said students, alumni, past Miss Black EIU winners and the contestant's family and friends are common attendees at the pageant.

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said 500 tickets were sold for the actual pageant and 700 for the after-party in the University Ballroom of the Union.

A reception, courtesy of Panther Catering, will also be held for family members and judges two hours before the event in the Grand Ballroom.

For the pageant, a red carpet will lead to the front doors of the Grand Ballroom. Reserved seating will be available for V.I.P. family, faculty and staff.

The after-party will feature a dance immediately following the pageant.

Brinker has attended more than half of the 38 Miss Black EIU pageants.

"I think through the years, technology has played a bigger role with how innovative women have been showcasing their talents," Brinker said. "I think there has been an increase in the diversity and talent level."

Brinker said typically contestants dance and sing, but recently talents have expanded into playing musical instruments and doing

Brinker said being in the pageant takes a lot of time and commitment.

"The young women who separate themselves are stand-out young women who invest so much of themselves and so much of their time," Brinker said. "All the contestants are worthy, but the judges have to decide who the crown should be bestowed upon."

Brinker said the queen's duties are to participate in Homecoming, create a program dealing with their creative expression issue, talk on forums and be a student representative for major university events.

"She is expected to serve as a student role model inside and outside the student classroom," Brinker said. "She also deals with Black Student Union events."

Tickets for the pageant and the after party can be purchased for \$10 each at the door.

Heather Holm can be reached at

CAMPUS | RHA

Election nominations coming soon

By BOB BAJEK

Student Government Editor

The Residence Hall Association is having executive board nominations for next year starting Thursday.

RHA Vice President Bryn Rich said it will be important to bring in new people and ideas.

"It's going to be a big reconstruction year," Rich said. "Justin (Schuch) is graduating, Zack (Doiron), and Allison (Burge) are moving on, and I'm going to be an resident assistant next year.

"So we are going to potentially have an entirely new executive board."

Schuch was not present for the meeting. Due to Schuh's absence, President's Council did not meet.

Bryn said Schuh was looking at Wisconsin graduate schools to become an assistant resident director.

Karla Browning, vice president for diversity and programming, said RHA needs about 20 to 30 more volunteers for Siblings' Weekend held March 6 through 8. The event is for on-campus residents to invite their brother, sister, cousin, niece or nephew.

Rich said RHA will go to the hall councils to rely on volunteer recruitment.

Student Senate member Jarrod Schurle said residents from Ford Hall needed to talk to its residence director and building service workers to address salting problems.

"We had a few concerned residence about lack of salt by the classroom buildings," said Ford Hall President Mike Kranz. "There have been accidents with people slipping and falling from ice so we wanted to check it out."

Student Senate member Mark Olendzki said the Committee for Constitutional Oversight met this week, and when the revisions are finalized, we will give RHA copies before the April referendum.

Bob Bajek can be reached at 581-7942 or at rtbajek@eiu.edu.

» Books

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The information she has received about electronic textbooks support that these types of formats are not a good fit for Eastern students.

"Here at Eastern Illinois University, we all put our students first, and that is including textbook rental," Miller said. "We have a commitment here to do the best job for our students."

In order to provide students with a great service, the pros and cons have to be laid out, and that there is great concern when distributing electronic textbooks to students.

"With e-textbooks, you are not able to read material when you want to," she said.

In order for a student to receive their information, the textbook has to be downloaded on to a computer with a specific card.

"You can only download the information to one computer," she said. "You also probably have to have a lot of system requirements on your computer. One can't think they can just buy the e-textbook and put it on any computer."

Miller's other concern is the electronic textbooks' expiration date.

"There is an expiration date linked to the material," she said. "You may purchase a card and only have 6 months or 12 months of access. Seventy-five percent usually encompasses the 6 month period."

Miller said with limited access, students are not investing in a tangible item.

"I believe these textbooks are geared towards less cost," she said.

Even though some electronic version can be less than a paperback textbook, printing cost is still to be considered.

"If you wanted to print the e-textbook textbook, printing it can cost more if one was to just buy the actual textbook," Miller

Students pay \$9.95 per credit hour for textbooks at Eastern. A dollar from the fee is designated to construction of the new Textbook Rental facility.

Miller said this is a minimal fee to provide all textbooks for a low price.

"We have a commitment to students to keep the cost down," she said. "We know the challenges students face with tuition and fees, and we know it is becoming difficult."

Miller said textbook rental has great opportunities when it comes to options or students to take advantage of.

"It's like the best of both worlds," she said. "You can rent your books, and maybe if you are interested in one or two, you can make the decision if you want to purchase them for your own personal library, and I think this is what sets us apart from other universities."

Despite some of the fallbacks with electronic textbooks, Textbook Rental Service will always be open to technology.

"We are open to new technology and we will continue to look at ways to make things easier for students," she said. "We never close the doors to new technology, but we want to make sure when we do make decisions, we want to make the best for the students."

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>> Candidate

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The committee will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the finalists, and meet with Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, to further discuss the finalists.

Lord will make the final decision because the deans report to him, Hanner said. A decision could be reached by early April.

The finalists brought something different during their interviews.

"They all bring different viewpoints and different strengths," Hanner said. "It's been enjoyable to listen to them."

Other finalists included Dana
Ringuette, chair of the English department at Eastern; Arved Larsen, professor of music and previously associate dean of fine arts at Illinois State
University; and John Omachonu, the

Communications see State University
Tenn.

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— Mary Anne Hanner, Dean of the College of Sciences

associate dean of the College of Mass Communications at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Endowment

FROM PAGE

Information on whether these plans worked for 2008 should be released at the foundation meeting.

Nilsen said concern for how the endowment is faring is based on its effect on students because it provides most of the funds for Eastern's in-house scholarships and grants - about \$790,000 in scholarships and more than \$1.1 million in grants in 2008.

"The foundation's endowment is really specified to support scholarships and programs," she said. "Almost every dollar in that endowment is targeted to a specific purpose based on the wishes of the donors that originally gave the money. And particularly for the students, changes in the endowment do have the possibility of changing financial support."

"As we are striving to keep college affordable and acceptable to our students, we will listen carefully as to how the endowment is performing," she said.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Senate clarifies fan bus discrepancies to AB

University Board presents budget, asks for more money

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI

Staff Reporter

The Apportionment Board meeting began untraditionally Thursday night in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union by not meeting quorum for 30 minutes.

While the board waited to call the meeting to order, members of the Student Senate addressed the AB members about the misunderstanding of the Senate bill for the basketball fan bus passed during Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The authors of the bill had proposed the bill differently to the AB during last week's meeting than was presented to the Senate Wednesday

The discrepancy had to do with the way the tickets would be administered to the students.



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Members of Apportionment Board, from left, Chair Tiffany Turner, Mike Hilty and Vice Chair Kyle Collum listen as members of Student Government speak about the fan bus for the women's basketball championship road trip at Thursday night's meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The distribution of the tickets was presented as a lottery to the AB, but as a first-come, first-serve basis to the Senate. The bill was passed as a first-come, first-serve fashion, but many Senate members were concerned about "undermining" the members of the AB.

The first Student Senate member to address the AB was Mark Olendzki, followed by Speaker of the Senate Drew Griffin, member Ryan Kerch and member Omar Solomon, co-author of the bill.

"I felt this is what the students really wanted, after talking to many students," Solomon said. "I'm a new senator, and I'll learn from my mis-

With quorum met after the arriv-

al of the final AB member, the formal meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

With no old business, the AB and the University Board presented their budgets for the 2010 fiscal

After having a substantial cut in last year's budget, the UB asked for

In total, UB asked for \$270,026.

This is \$30,557 more than they were allocated last year.

"I think this is a lot of money, but when you look at how they are trying to spend it, they are trying to spend it as conservatively as possible," said the AB chair Tiffany Turner.

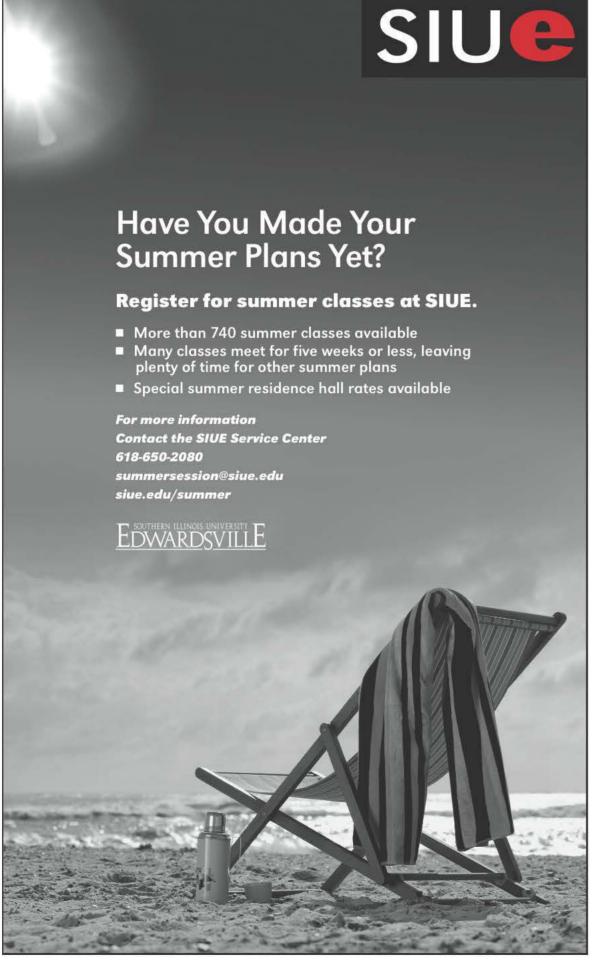
While everyone is feeling the effects of the economic recession, UB has been forced to cut costs in some areas while trying to keep up with the rising costs of entertainment and technology.

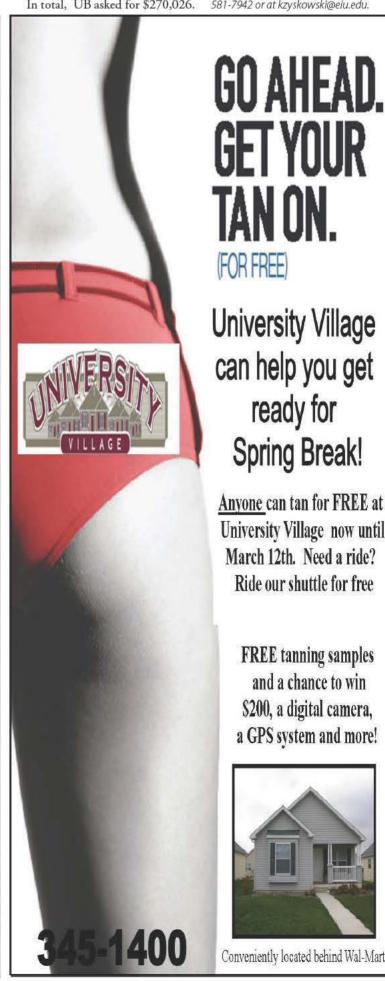
UB has cut internal costs, by decreasing pay for some members. The lectures committee is looking into more cost-efficient presentations as well. The comedy committee had a decrease in its funding request, because it has decided to cut its major comedian for next year, and have smaller acts perform

The AB also presented their budget asking for \$40,499.

Both budgets were motioned to tabling for next week.

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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Colleges warn students about Mexico travel

PHOENIX — The U.S. State
Department and universities
around the country are warning
college students headed for
Mexico for some spring-break
partying of a surge in drugrelated murder and mayhem
south of the border.

"There have been Americans kidnapped, and if you go you need to be very aware and very alert to this fact," said Tom Dougan, vice president for student affairs at the University of Rhode Island.

More than 100,000 high schooland college-age Americans travel to Mexican resort areas during spring break each year. Much of the drug violence is happening in border towns, and tourists have generally not been targeted, though there have been killings in the big spring-break resorts of Acapulco and Cancun, well away from the border.

Weak health care stocks drag market lower

NEW YORK — This time, health care stocks bore the brunt of investors' wrath.

Health insurers and drug companies, some of the better performers on Wall Street lately, led the market lower Thursday after the White House proposed cutting payments to private

insurance plans.
The Obama administration's \$3.55 trillion budget plan for 2010 includes cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Private insurance plans serving Medicare seniors would take the biggest hit, but hospitals, drug manufacturers and home health agencies also face cuts. As investors became aware of the impact that the budget, if enacted, could have on the companies, they turned against what had been one of the strongest industries in the stock market recently.

STATE | BUSINESS

Seven state parks reopen

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The "closed" signs came down Thursday at seven state parks that fell victim to budget squabbles last year, giving local officials hope of an economic bounce as warm weather approaches and visitors return.

The parks, mostly in northern Illinois and east-central Illinois, drew about 2.2 million visitors a year before former Gov. Rod Blagojevich shuttered them in November. Nearby businesses suffered when the parks closed, even in the slow winter months, and owners worried about even more pain in the spring and summer.

But Gov. Pat Quinn announced Thursday morning that the parks were again open for business, at a cost to the state of \$1.1 million. The Chicago Democrat said his predecessor's budget cuts ultimately cost more than they saved by hurting the economy.

Soon after Quinn's announce-

ment, a few people braved bad weather to visit Lowden State Park in northern Illinois, said Marcia Heuer, executive director of the chamber of commerce in nearby Oregon. The park's 48-foot statue of an American Indian will be illuminated Thursday night for the first time in months, she said.

"That's been the most depressing thing all this winter is not having the lights on the statue," Heuer said. "Tonight the lights will be lit."

Lowden and another local state park, Castle Rock, attracted about 400,000 visitors a year. The parks generate vital business for many local restaurants, gas stations and motels, she said.

Clinton Mayor Ed Wollet beamed over the reopening of Weldon Springs State Park, which draws about 333,000 visitors a year. The central Illinois park is a popular site for picnics or a leisurely day of fishing – which usually involves buying supplies in Clinton, just three miles away.

After Blagojevich closed the park, a restaurant there went out of business, ending 18 jobs, he said.

Three of the newly opened parks lie in northern Illinois: Castle Rock, Lowden and Illini. The others – Moraine View, Weldon Springs, Wolf Creek and Hidden Springs State Forest – are in central Illinois.

Blagojevich closed the parks, along with a dozen historic sites, last year after lawmakers ignored his budget proposals and passed a spending plan that was woefully out of balance.

Many lawmakers regarded the cuts as an attempt to generate public pressure rather than a legitimate attempt to balance the budget. Even after lawmakers voted to provide money for the parks, Blagojevich refused to keep them open.

Quinn defended his decision to open the parks and rehire 12 employees when the state's budget deficit is expected to top \$9 billion next year, likely requiring both spending cuts and tax increases.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Bishop apologizes for denying Holocaust

ROME — A British bishop whose denial of the Holocaust embroiled Pope Benedict XVI in controversy has apologized for his remarks, a Catholic news agency said Thursday. Bishop Richard Williamson, with the conservative Society of St. Pius X, had faced worldwide criticism over a television interview in which he said no Jews were gassed during the Holocaust.

While Williamson apologized in a statement Thursday to all those who took offense and for the distress he caused, the bishop did not specifically say that his comments were erroneous, or that he no longer believed them.

"If I had known beforehand the full harm and hurt to which they would give rise, especially to the church, but also to survivors and relatives of victims of injustice under the Third Reich, I would not have made them," Williamson was quoted as saying in the statement carried by the Zenit Catholic news agency.

North Korea lashes out over missile tests

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea lashed out at critics warning it not to test a long-range missile, saying Thursday that it would punish those trying to disrupt its plan to send what it calls a satellite into orbit.

North Korea announced earlier this week that it was preparing to shoot a communication satellite into orbit as part of it space program. The U.S., South Korea and other neighboring countries believe the launch may be a cover for a missile test-fire, saying the action would trigger international sanctions. On Thursday, the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of (North) Korea accused South Korea of "trumpeting about sanctions" against its satellite launch.

STATE | RESOURCES

Obama proposes \$475 million for restoration of Great Lakes

The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — A plan hatched more than three years ago to heal the battered Great Lakes would get its first big infusion of federal cash under President Barack Obama's proposed budget.

The 2010 spending blueprint released Thursday includes a \$475 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative led by the Environmental Protection Agency.

It would target problems such as invasive species, runoff pollution, degraded wildlife habitat and contaminated bottomlands.

"The Great Lakes are just an outstanding resource, one of the major freshwater resources of the world," said Mike Shapiro, EPA's acting administrator for water. "This increase in funding will allow us to make significant progress in protecting and restoring them."

The budget also requests \$3.9 billion nationwide for sewer and drinking water system upgrades. If distributed according to existing formulas, about \$1.4 billion would go to the Great Lakes region, where overflows from degraded sewers are a primary ecological hazard.

It adds up to the biggest financial

commitment any president has made to the lakes, said Jeff Skelding, director of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition.

"President Obama is truly a Great Lakes president," Skelding said. "It is clear he understands that unless America invests in the Great Lakes, these problems will get worse and the price we pay will be higher."

During his campaign last year, Obama pledged \$5 billion toward implementing a restoration wish list released in December 2005 by the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, a partnership of government agencies and advocacy groups.

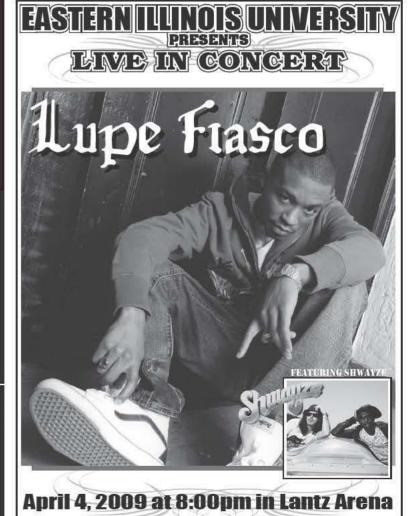


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The Panthers want the momentum from last week to continue as they look to regain their men's track championship and maybe, a women's track title as well. Last season was the first time in the last eight years the Eastern men's track team did not the indoor title.

The Panthers had their streak snatched away in one of the final events by Eastern Kentucky. The Panthers had won 10 of 11 titles entering last season including seven straight.

The men will be looking for strong performances from sophomore Joe Noonan and junior Dorrian White. The two took first and second in the pole vault event last season at the OVC Championship. Also, senior David Holm will look to repeat his first place finish in the

Senior guard Ellen Canale add-

ed 12 points and five rebounds for

the Panthers, which saw 10 players

in the scoring column during the

game. Galligan's 22 points moved

her within 17 of becoming Eastern's

who was cleared to play after missing six games with a back injury, did

Junior guard Ashley Thomas,

The win, coupled with a win

by Murray State against More-

head, kept the Panthers one one-

game behind the Racers in the OVC

seed in the OVC Tournament, but

the Panthers can gain a share of

the title. They need a win Saturday

against Tennessee State (17-11, 13-

4) and a loss by the Racers against

The Racers overcame an 11-point

halftime deficit to earn at least a

share of the OVC title with a victo-

ry against the Eagles Thursday night

Murray State (20-7, 15-2)

remained the only OVC team that

is undefeated at home on the season

and also clinched the No. 1 seed in

The Racers did clinch a No. 1

Pace

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all-time leading scorer.

not play.

standings.

Eastern Kentucky.

in Murray, Ky.

Murray State 65,

Morehead State 61

800-meter run.

On the women's side, the Panthers will be looking to defeat defending champions Tennessee State.

Leading the way will be junior Kandace Arnold who will be seeking a repeat performance. Arnold's toss of 48 feet, 3.50 inches in the shot put gave her a first-place finish in last year's championship.

Senior Jenna Uhe had a great leap of 19'10.25", but was unable to secure first place as Austin Peay's Leeann White passed the NCAA provisional mark with a jump of 20'01.50".

Uhe's jump placed her second in Eastern history. The two seniors will face off again this weekend. Uhe also had a first place finish in the triple jump with a mark of 41'03.75".

With both the men and women out for revenge, it will be exciting to see if the Panthers will continue this momentum and again take their place as champions of the OVC.

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WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Murray State

Tennessee State

Morehead State

Tennessee Tech

Jacksonville State

Tennessee Martin

Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville

State, 2 p.m., Jacksonville, Ala.

Morehead State at Tennessee

Martin, 4 p.m., Martin, Tenn.

Southeast Missouri at Austin

Eastern Illinois at Tennessee

State, 5:30 p.m., Nashville, Tenn.

The top eight teams qualify for

the conference tournament. The

first round of OVC games begin

with the top four teams hosing.

respectively. They both hauled in

seven rebounds while Amber led the

ny Pittman led the Eagles with

19 points and 12 rebounds, while

sophomore guard Chynna Boze-

man chipped in with 18 points, 12

Morehead State center Britta-

Racers with seven assists.

5:15 p.m., Murray, Ky.

Peay, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Eastern Kentucky at Murray State,

Southeast Missouri

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Austin Peay

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» Reed

FROM PAGE 12

"We tried to run some guys at him and make some of the others make some shots," Miller said. "It gave us a chance to get back into the game, but we couldn't do anything offensively. I was disappointed."

Tennessee State (11-17, 8-9) beat Southeast Missouri 87-82 Thursday, so the Panthers are now tied with the Tigers for seventh place. The Panthers and Tennessee State will square off Saturday for the final regular season game. The 7:30 p.m. game in Nashville, Tenn., will be for sixth place in the conference.

Austin Peay led 34-29 at the half as the Panthers had a tough time stopping Reed.

The senior forward torched the Eastern for 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting.

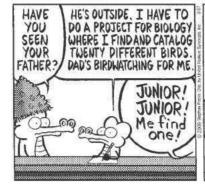
Eastern trailed 12-11 after a 3pointer by sophomore guard Tyler Laser, but the Governors responded with a 10-2 run to take a 22-13 lead with 5:52 remaining in the half off a bucket and a free throw by Reed.

Junior guard Romain Martin led the Panthers with 14 points, while junior guard T.J. Marion was just behind with 13 with three assists.

Austin Peay's Anthony Campbell was the only other Gov to score in double figures (11). Laser saw his consecutive free throw streak end at 45, one short of the OVC record after missing a free throw in the final minute of the game.

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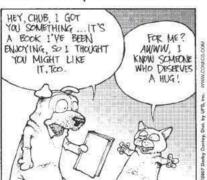
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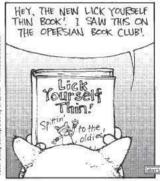






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the OVC Tournament with the win. rebounds, and six assists. The Racers' sisters-duo of senior Collin Whitchurch can be reached at 581-7944 or at cfwhitchurch@eiu.edu.

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BASEBALL | PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Ulrey dreams of majors

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH Assistant Sports Editor

Chris Ulrey would love to play in the major leagues.

Like many young baseball players, Ulrey grew up with the dream of playing professional baseball, and he had his chance.

Ulrey was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 33rd round of the 2006 MLB First-Year Player Draft. Now, the junior outfielder is one of the newest members of the Eastern baseball team, hoping to make an impact for head coach Jim Schmitz's squad. After graduating from New Palestine High School in Greenfield, Ind., Ulrey knew he was going to have a chance to play in the majors. Many pro teams told him they were going to draft him and when the White Sox selected him, he was thrilled.

"The day of the draft I was sort of surprised because I hadn't talked to the White Sox before the draft," he said. "It was a neat experience. I was downtown with my family and we were watching it. It was pretty cool."

But while Ulrey had achieved the dream so many strive for, he approached it with a clear head, instead opting to go to college and put off his dream for a short time.

"I thought coming out of high school at 18-years-old I didn't feel like I was ready yet to start playing pro ball," he said. "I thought maybe after a couple years of college I would be ready.'

Ulrey ended up spending two years starring at Lincoln Trail Community College in Robinson. After finishing his time there, he wanted to continue his baseball career at a university, and chose Eastern over five other schools, including Arkansas-Little Rock, which he initially committed to before decommitting to go to Eastern.

"(Arkansas-Little Rock) was my first visit to a big school, and I took the first big offer and then realized after a couple of weeks that I didn't give myself other opportunities," Ulrey said. "After visiting here, I fell in love with the players and the campus and everything about Eastern."

Ulrey has seen limited action in the Panthers' first three games of the season, appearing in two of them and going hitless in two at-bats. But Schmitz believes junior college trans-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior outfielder Chris Ulrey transferred to Easter from Lincoln Trail Community College and is majoring in kinsieology and sports studies. Ulrey was also drafted by the Chicago White Sox

fers take time to adapt to this level and compared Ulrey to senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz, who is the team's starter at second and No. 2 hitter after transferring from Elgin Community College prior to last season.

Schmitz also said in this weekend's tournament he's going to attempt to get more of his new players in the game to get the experience for situations later in the season.

The Panthers will be playing in the Dunn Hospitality Diamond Classic in Evansville, Ind., starting at 1 p.m. today against Saint Louis. Eastern will take on Butler at 11 a.m. Saturday before concluding the tournament against the host Aces on at 3

Ulrey, who competed in the team's fall league last semester, said he's excited to get out on the field and start using his skills to help the team.

"I'm really eager and ready to get out there and prove that I can play,"

But while Ulrey passed up his dream three years ago, he still has dreams of getting the opportunity to play in the majors one day.

"Anything is possible," he said. "It's just a matter of how hard you want to work and if that's what you want to do you just set your mind to it and keep practicing as hard as you can."

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7944 or at cfwhitchurch@eiu.edu.

SOFTBALL | KENNESAW STATE INVITATIONAL

Fired up for tourney

By KEVIN MURPHY Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team does not have any familiarity with its

weekend opponents. But that doesn't matter to

Like most teams, they are not concentrating on themselves, but with the Panthers (7-2), there is a fire to win.

"Win – that's what we're going to do," said Eastern senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby. "We're going to win every inning. That's basically our mentality."

With Jacoby, senior second baseman Sarah Coppert and redshirt junior centerfielder Angela Danca spearheading this mentality, the Panthers have won the New Mexico State Tournament Title this season and are off to one of its best starts.

This weekend the Panthers will try using their mentality against Kennesaw State, North Carolina Central and Southern Mississippi.

The Panthers will play at the Owl Classic in Kennesaw, Ga., hosted by Kennesaw State.

They will play Kennesaw State at 10 a.m. today and Southern Mississippi at 5:30 p.m. today. Eastern will also play North Carolina Central (1-15) at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Panthers will also play one of these three teams in bracket play

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

· Eastern plays Kennesaw State at 10 a.m. today, Southern Mississippi at 5:30 p.m. today and North Carolina Central at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Panthers then will play in the consolation or championship game at 3 or 5:30 p.m. Saturday against one of these three

Saturday at either 3 or 5:30 p.m.

We need to keep working hard no matter if we do well or we're doing really well," Jacoby said.

Southern Mississippi (6-10-1) won the tournament last year. Kennesaw State (5-8) lost to Southern Mississippi in that title game, and is hosting its third tournament this season.

"It really doesn't matter who we're playing, I'm just more worried about our kids showing up," said Eastern head softball coach Kim Schuette.

Schuette said she emphasized focus to the team this week in practice, and the Panthers have seemed to pick that up.

This intensity has spread throughout the rest of the team.

"Once someone gets that mentality, it catches on like wildfire," Jacoby said. "Everyone wants to win. Everyone wants to step up."

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Women's tennis team competes at Illinois State

The Eastern women's tennis FINDOUT MORE team continues its play away from Charleston. The Panthers (3-5) will play Illinois State at 7 p.m. today in Normal at Bloomington's Evergreen Racquet Club.

Last season, the Redbirds (4-3) defeated Eastern 5-2 in Normal.

Then freshman Abby Allgire was able to pick up a win at No. 3 singles. Illinois State leads the all-time series between the Panthers and the Redbirds, 25-1. The last time East-

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ern defeated Illinois State was in 1986. Eastern won, 6-3.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Panther squads seeking titles

Boey earns OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year

By BOB SHAUGHNESSY

Staff Reporter

The Eastern men and women's track and field team will be looking to seek the Ohio Valley Conference Championships this weekend.

Both the men and women's teams were unable to bring home the championship last year at Tennessee State. This year they will have the privilege of playing in their own backyards.

The two-day event will begin today in Lantz Fieldhouse at 4 p.m. today and will continue at 11 a.m. Saturday.

For defending champions senior David Holms in the 800-meter run, and senior Jenna Uhe in the triple jump, it is more than just another meet at Lantz Fieldhouse.

'There's a lot of motivation on the side of the guys who have been on top and had to take that long ride home last year. They don't want to have that same feeling," said Eastern head coach Tom Akers.

The men's squad had won 10 of 11 titles entering last season including seven straight indoor conference titles before losing the indoor title last season to Eastern Kentucky.

'The seniors are motivated," Akers said. "They even stood up in front of the team and let everyone know how important this meet is."

The OVC named Eastern redshirt freshman Zye Boey the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year and the co-OVC Freshman of the Year. Dan Strackeljahn was the last Panther to be named the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year in 2007.

Boey said he will have a lot of pressure on his shoulders, but he says he can handle it. Boey has already helped lead the Panthers to the 33rd national ranking.

"I knew all along that we had a good program and working under coach Akers, I knew we were going to be good," Boey said. "(Going into the OVC Championship), I feel a little nervous, but I'm young, and I just got to do what I've been doing, and I won't have to worry about anything."

Boey has the fastest times in the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. The rest of the men's squad has the top 11 times or marks. The women's squad boasts six top marks headed into the conference meet.

On the women's side, juniors Chandra Golden and Kandace Arnold will look to bring home a couple more OVC championships. Golden has the best 60-meter dash and 60-meter hurdle time.

Arnold is the OVC shot put leader and second in the 20-pound weight throw.

The women's team will be looking for its second title ever.

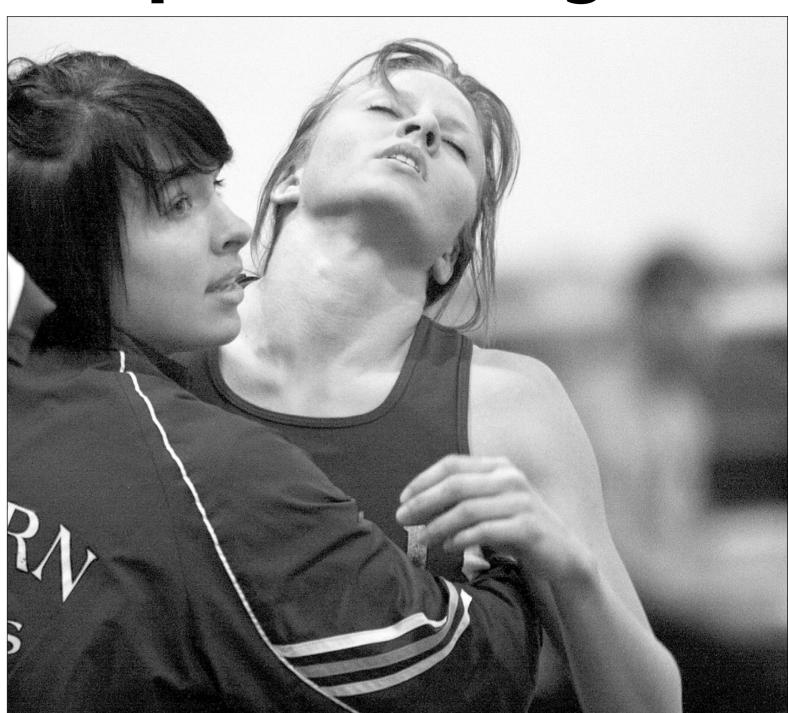
The Panthers last won an indoor title in 2007.

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior sprinter Molly Clutter, left, holds up junior sprinter Crystal Jones, junior sprinter, right, following her performance in the 400-meter dash during the Illinois Intercollegiate Meet on Saturday, Jan. 31 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The Panthers are hosting the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Tasha Buchmiller throws during the Illinois Intercollegiate Meet on Jan. 31 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships will take place today and Saturday in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

CONFERENCE GLANCE

Austin Peay

Leeann White in the long jump and Carrie Burggraf in the pole vault will be strong.

Eastern Kentucky

EKU is led by Joseph Maina in the mile, and Katherine Pagano in the 3,000-meter run.

Jacksonville State

JSU long jumper Takisha Parham and 55-meter hurdler Amanda Mc-Coy are strong.

Murray State

The Racers will be led by Katelyn Jones and Shameka Dial.

Southeast Missouri

SEMO's Josh Uchtman and Shemeika Brewer will lead the Redhawks.

Tennessee State

TSU's Martinique Guice and Darreal Beale are strong for both squads.

Tennessee Tech

TTU will be led by Keri Light in the mile and Stephanie Place in the 5,000-meter run.

SCHEDULE

Friday - Afternoon

4 - Weight Throw, prelims/FINALS

- 4 High Jump, FINALS (Women) 4 - Long Jump, prelims/FINALS
- (Men) 6 - Weight Throw, prelims/FINALS (Women)
- 6 High Jump, FINALS (Men) 6 - Long Jump, prelims/FINALS
- 5 60 M Dash/60 M hurdle, prelims (if needed) (M-W) 5:30 - 800 Meter Run, prelims (M-
- 6 400 Meter Dash, prelims (M-W)
- 6 60 Meter Dash, prelims (M-W) 7 - 60 Meter Hurdles, prelims (M-W) 7:30 - 200 Meter Dash, prelims (M-
- 8:10 Distance Medley Relay, Fl-NALS (M-W)
- 8:40 5,000 Meter Run, FINALS (M-W)

Saturday - Morning

11 - Shot Put, prelims/FINALS (Women)

11 - Triple Jump, prelims/FINALS

11 - Pole Vault, FINALS (Women) 1:30 - Shot Put, prelims/FINALS

1:30 - Triple Jump, prelims/FINALS (Women)

1:30 - Pole Vault, FINALS (Men)

1 - Mile Run, FINALS (M-W) 1:20 - 400 Meter Dash, FINALS (M-

1:40 - 60 Meter Dash, FINALS (M-W) 1:55 - 60 Meter Hurdles, FINALS

2:15 - 800 Meter Run, FINALS (M-W) 2:30 - 200 Meter Dash, FINALS (M-

2:45 - 3,000 Meter Run, FINALS (M-

W) 3:15 - 4 x 400 Meter Relay, FINALS

Awards Ceremony to follow

NATIONAL SPORTS

Detroit at Orlando 6 p.m. on ESPN

NHL Pittsburgh at Chicago 7:30 p.m. on CSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Drake at Creighton 8:30 p.m. on FSN Midwest

NBA Cleveland at San Antonio 8:30 p.m. on ESPN

Saturday

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Ga. Tech at No. 5 N. Carolina 11 a.m. on WTHI

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Cleveland State at No. 23 Butler 11 a.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Georgetown at No. 12 Villanova 11 a.m. on ESPN

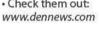
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BOB SHAUGHNESSY

Revenge for track teams

After last weekend's impressive showing, the Eastern track and field team will look to keep their hot streak going as they will host the Ohio Valley Conference Championship this weekend at Lantz Fieldhouse.

The Panthers are coming off dominant performances by redshirt freshman Zye Boey and junior Chandra Golden. The two swept the OVC player of the week awards for yet another week. Boey won his fifth, and Golden won her fourth of the

Boey will by competing in the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes. He is Eastern's all-time leader in both events. Golden will be competing in the 60-meter and the 60-meter hurdles.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 69, AUSTIN PEAY 56

Panthers keep on pace

Team rolls to win in Clarksville, Tenn.

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team never looked back in the first half after struggling against Austin

The Panthers opened up a big lead late in the first half in route to a 69-56 victory against the Lady Govs Thursday night in Clarksville, Tenn.

Senior forward Rachel Galligan led all scorers with 22 points on 10of-13 shooting from the field to lead the Panthers, which needs a victory against Tennessee State on Saturday to secure the No. 2 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Panthers (21-8, 14-3 OVC) overcame a slow start in the first half to jump out to a 16-point halftime lead before cruising in the second

They led by as many as 26 points in the second half against the Lady Govs (13-15, 9-8).

"We worked quite a bit on defense, and it showed tonight," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "We absorbed their initial blow. They jumped on us there at the beginning, but once we figured it out we started defending them, making it hard for them to score. Any time you hold a team to 32 percent shooting in their own gym, you're going to have a very good chance to win."

Sallee said before the game, the Panthers were focusing on rebounding more than usual this week after being out-rebounded in three straight games. Eastern won the rebound battle against the Lady Govs 37-33, but allowed 19 offensive rebounds.

"I thought we gave up too many offensive boards, but all in all it was a good first step," Sallee said. "They're extremely athletic and aggressive but we battled our way to being able to out-rebound them."

>> SEE PACE, PAGE 9



Eastern senior guard Ellen Canale looks for an open teammate during the Senior Night game on Saturday in Lantz Arena. Canale had 12 points in Eastern's 69-56 win at Austin Peay on Thursday night. The Panthers will close the regular season at Tennessee State on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | AUSTIN PEAY 69, EASTERN 54

Team cannot withstand

Laser's misses chance at free-throw streak

> By DAN CUSACK Staff Reporter

Drake Reed and the Austin Peay men's basketball team were too much for the Panthers Thursday night.

Reed, who scored 38 against the Panthers (12-16, 8-9 Ohio Valley Conference) on Dec. 5, scored 20 first-half points and finished with a game high at 28 as the Govs cruised to a 69-54 victory.

Eastern switched to a double team

on the senior forward in the second half holding him to eight points, but the rest of the Govs (16-12, 12-5) stepped up. The closest Eastern got in the second half was five, as they trailed 49-44 with 10 minutes, 5 seconds remaining, but Austin Peay outscored them 20-10 in the last 10 minutes for the win.

Eastern coach Mike Miller said in post-game interview with WEIU-FM that in the first half, he felt Reed was making tough shots, but they decided to switch to a double team to give him a hard time.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Eastern sophomore guard Tyler Laser rushes up the court during the home game against Tennessee Martin on Feb. 18 in Lantz Arena.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL

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

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

TRACK Friday vs. OVC Championships 4 p.m. - Lantz Fieldhouse

SOFTBALL Friday vs Southern Mississippi

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'MEMOIRS' MAKES COMEDY OUT OF DEPRESSION

By Courtney Bruner Verge Reporter

A two-story house sits near a beach in Manhattan.

The walls look old and uncared for.

The furniture in the living room and dining room does not match and shows its age.

The family that lives in the house is too large for it.

Everyone must share the few rooms the house has.

But, they cannot live alone.

It is the 1930s, and the family must do anything it can to survive.

This is the setting for Eastern's theater production of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs." "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is a comingof-age story about a boy and his family during the Great Depression, said Jerry Eisenhour, director of the play and a theatre arts professor at Eastern.

The play follows 15-year-old Eugene Jerome (played by Josh Anderson) and his family through a hard time.

Along with his parents, Kate and Jack (Elizabeth Powers and Rob Browy respectively), and his brother, Stanley (Brian McElligot), they take in Kate's sister Blanche (Bailey Murphy) and nieces Nora and Laurie (Caitlin Carroll and Caitlin Bieda respectively) after Blanche's husband dies.

The family must live together to support each other, but, like any family, it causes problems and fights among them. However, they do love each other, Eisenhour said.

All the characters learn to be with each other and grow up as they help one another.

"It's ultimately happy, and it's ultimately sad," Eisenhour said.

"It's so much like everyone's family," he said. "It's like 'Wow, that's my family."

Eisenhour picked this play because the parts are difficult to play.

Most of the actors must play parts that are of a different age group than themselves. They must work hard to convey this.

"How do you play someone who is 45years-old when you're in your 20s?" Eisen-

The set for the play is the house in which the family lives.

Designed by Nick Shaw, it has an upstairs and plenty of mismatched, "old" furniture.

"It has to be in the 1930s," Eisenhour said.

Eisenhour said this is a good play for today even though it is based in the 1930s.

"We are going through similar things right now," he said. "We all understand that. We all understand families."

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday at 7p.m. in the theater wing of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Tickets can be bought at the door or can be reserved by calling 581-3110.

A CLASS ACT

By now everyone has heard about the alleged domestic violence charges brought about on the pop sensation Chris Brown.

What you haven't heard is that potentially every nine seconds another woman is beaten by a significant other.

So in case you haven't heard, I will bring you up to date.

The police report states that Brown turned himself into police Feb. 8 on a felony charge of making a criminal threat.

The victim's name in the case has yet to be officially released by the police.

Sources close to Brown said that it was Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty, fellow pop singer and girlfriend.

Police found the victim alone on a corner in downtown Hollywood were the feud was said to have occurred.

Police say that an argument began in a car and as it escalated, sprawled out into the street or sidewalk

The victim was said to have had "visible injuries" according to the police report.

This incident could prove more than detrimental to Brown's career.

Brown has been receiving critical acclaim for his chart topping singles and Michael Jackson inspired dance moves, but these



Brad York Senior Verge Reporter

charges could slump the rising star into a backlash from fans and the industry as a whole.

What's worse for Brown is that the Los Angeles district attorney assigned to the case has sent it back to the police for further investigation.

This means that Brown could possibly face more felony charges including assault resulting in great bodily injury, attempted murder and the original domestic violence charge.

Brown is said to be a well-mannered and relaxed celebrity.

Some fans have said that they don't think Brown could commit such a harsh crime.

This incident is nearly impossible to erase.

Brown broke his silence when he released an official statement one week after the incident.

"Words cannot begin to express

how sorry and saddened I am over what transpired," he said.

After loads of fan mail supporting Rihanna's road to recovery, her representatives released a statement that said, "At the request of the authorities, Rihanna is not commenting about the incident involving Chris Brown. She wants to assure her fans that she remains strong, is doing well, and deeply appreciates the outpouring of support she has received during this difficult time."

Even if Rihanna decides to not press charges, the district attorney can still prosecute Brown to the fullest extent.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injuries to women.

Domestic violence also results in more injuries that require medical attention than rape, accidents and muggings combined.

It is my belief that Brown should be held accountable for the actions that ensued.

He should be punished to the highest extent.

Domestic violence is alarming.

The public and media should use this incident to say that we won't tolerate our celebrities bending the laws.

This should act as a time when the public can stand and fight for what is right and not for what will help this troubled gentleman.

ArtSpace: Photography



By Jon Gitchoff, a sophomore photojournalism major

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ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Natalie Boyer, assistant director at the Tarble Arts Center, works on displaying the art in the All-Student Show that will be open on Sunday. Sculpture, photography, painting, drawing, printmaking, metals, weaving, graphic design, digital art and other media will be featured until March 29.

ART SHOW FLAUNTS STUDENT TALENT, PRIZES UP TO \$200 TO BE AWARDED

By Nick Draper Verge Reporter

Students' art will be up on display for public viewing starting Sunday in the Tarble Arts Center for the 2009 All-Student Show.

The show will feature many varieties of art including photography, sculptures, drawings, paintings, digital art and more.

Student submissions are selected for exhibition by a panel of judges.

The artwork then are judged for awards.

Jeffrey Boshart, responsible for selecting the judges and member of the Student Affairs Committee, said that a lot of thought goes into deciding on judges.

"We try to come up with three

By Sarah Ruholl Assistant Verge Editor

Art of the Wind Band:

EIU's Wind Symphony and

Premiere Honors Wind Symphony

will perform at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the

phony are Illinois high school stu-

dents who were chosen to perform

Reynish of the United Kingdom

and Russel Mikkelson, conductor

of the Ohio State University wind

mination of the Art of the Wind

Band weekend on Eastern's campus

and will feature classic and con-

The concert serves as the cul-

Members of the premiere sym-

Also featured are Timothy

EIU Wind Symphony

Doudna Fine Arts Center.

through auditions.

symphony.

temporary works.

people that we think will represent their areas well," said the Eastern art professor. "We have had critics, art historians, painters, sculptors... and most of these people are not single focused."

William Scarlato, one of the judges this year and a professor of art at Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., said that he is open to many forms of art and their ideas.

"I'm looking for the quality of an idea, and how the form supports that quality," Scarlato said.

Judges help to play a role in selecting who will receive one of several awards available to entrants.

Awards range from Best-of-Show to assorted merit awards for different art categories.

The prize for Best-of-Show is

\$200

N CAMPUS THIS WEEKEND?

The Eastern art department faculty will also be giving out special awards.

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, said the students' work is displayed as professionally as possible.

"We treat this exhibition like we do every other exhibition in terms of how we handle the work," he said.

One purpose of the art show is to allow current art students to have a chance to experience the competitiveness of the art field, Boshart said.

Judges provide students with a statement of what they saw and liked to give students some insight to their work. "It offers our students some reference point beyond the class-room," Boshart said. "It's not just what we as faculty say, it's how they react when put into competition."

It's not only art students that can enter the competition; general education classes can qualify students for entry.

"The rules for this are very broad," Boshart said. "If you've had an art class in the last year, you're eligible to enter. Any time we can get students from outside of the art area, in my opinion, it makes the show better."

Students can visit the Tarble Arts Center to view the exhibition until March 29, free of charge.

Awards will be presented on opening day.

study break

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

FRIDAY

Dan Hubbard and the Humidors

Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Top of the Roc
Cost: \$2

Roses and Sake

Time: 9 p.m. Place: Friends & Co. Cost: \$5

Position 12?

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

Rock for Relay

Time: 7 p.m. Place: 7th Street Underground Cost: \$5

Up All Nite: Casino Royale

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Andrews and
Thomas Halls
Cost: Free

Brighton Beach Memoirs Theatrical Production

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: The Theatre,

Doudna Fine Arts Center

Cost: \$12; \$10, senior

citizens and employees;

\$5, students. Reserved

seating.

Friday Night Alternative

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: McAffee North Gym
Cost: \$2 per Gatorade
Pong Team

SATURDAY

Feast By Fire w/ Annihilate the Hero, Buried in Black, Komrade

Time: 8 p.m. Place: Friends & Co. Cost: \$5

38th Annual Miss Black EIU Pageant

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Grand Ballroom
Cost: \$15 door,
\$12 advance

SUNDAY

Art of the Wind Band: EIU Wind Symphony

Time: 1 p.m.
Place: Dvorak Concert Hall
Cost: \$5 general,
\$3 students

Relay for Life: Rock for Relay

Countdown to the Relay for Life with a fundraiser hosted by Colleges Against Cancer.

The benefit features performances by Charleston area musical acts Little Boy Jr. and part of the band Howard.

EIU comedy acts Hello Dali, an improv group, and Lunchbox Voodoo, a sketch comedy group, will also perform.

Admission for the event is \$5 and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

T-shirts and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The event begins at 7 p.m. tonight at 7th Street Underground and ends at 11 p.m.

38th Annual Miss Black EIU Pageant

"Women of Distinction: Empowered, Intelligent, Unique" is the theme to this year's pageant, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom.

The pageant is the crowning event for the 2009 celebration of Black History Month on campus.

Tickets are available in the ticket office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Advance tickets are \$12, but they can also be purchased for \$15 at the door.

Expect an evening of surprises as this year's Miss Black EIU is crowned and celebrate the weeks' events with a party in the Union, included in the price of admission.

James Bond Weekend

Catch up with what's going on with everyone's favorite spy, Agent 007, this weekend.

University Board will be showing "Casino Royale" and its sequel, "Quantum of Solace," this weekend.

The films follow Daniel Craig's Bond as he takes on terrorists at a high stakes poker game and then he must stop a multi-national corporation's attempt to take over valuable natural resources.

The films will both be shown at 7 p.m. tonight in McAffee Gymnasium.

The films will be shown again tomorrow in Buzzard Auditorium, with "Quantum" at 5 and 10 p.m. and "Royale" playing at 7 p.m..

'SNL' STAR TAKES IT TO THE RECORDING STUDIO

By Samantha Wilmes Verge Reporter

The Lonely Island debut album 'Incredibad' is anything but

Some would say that Andy Samberg, Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone landed dream jobs working for Saturday Night Live.

However, according to their Web site, their dream was to record a CD.

On The Lonely Island MySpace Comedy page, the trio call themselves filmmakers/fake music-makers.

Although Samberg is the actor in the bunch, Schaffer and Taccone write for SNL and are featured in some SNL digital shorts.

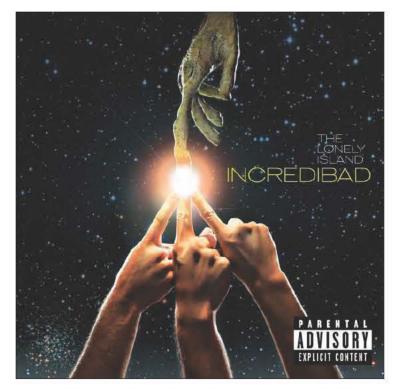
"The Lonely Island" is infamous on YouTube for the SNL skit that kick started their careers.

The video features Samberg and Justin Timberlake singing about the charming gift of a "D— in a Box."

After the phenomenal response, "J- in my Pants" came soon after, which has more than 26 million views on YouTube.

Avid followers are now blessed with the release of Samberg, Schaffer and Taccone's debut album, "Incredibad," which features the trio along with a handful of celebrities contributing

Some celebrities on the album



'Incredibad' is the brainchild of SNL actor Andy Samberg, along with Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone. The Lonely Island is famous for it's hilarious YouTube videos, including "I'm on a Boat."

include Natalie Portman, T-Pain, Jack Black and Norah Jones.

The songs on the album resemble Weird Al Yankovic's dorky personality, Eminem's pattern of using somewhat vulgar profanities and the immaturity of teenage boys, which, together, makes a great combination.

On the title track "Incredibad," the trio were granted their wish "to be the greatest fake MCs on earth" after having an orgy with an alien to help save its

Thus, the alien christened "Incredibad."

You would think the album would not get much more ridiculous than that, but it does.

However, it is hard to mention anything more without ru-

A downside to purchasing the

album is missing out on the videos that were made for some of

Although listening to "I'm on a Boat" is still hilarious, the song loses some of its personality when you can no longer watch them ride blow-up dolphins with T-Pain.

The album is not meant to be taken as though by serious rappers, which makes it easy to appreciate what the trio has accom-

The foundation of the group is really just three best friends who are taking pleasure in making fun of themselves and others; it is contagious.

The album also includes the trio's famous skits from SNL such as "D—in a Box," "J— in my Pants" and "Lazy Sunday" along with other popular parodies.

When looking at those featured on the CD, one might raise an eyebrow to see names like Portman and Jones, but do not be too quick to judge because it is all a pleasant surprise.

The entire CD lasts only 45 minutes long, but the entire span of it is a facial exercise consisting of uncontrollable smiling and raised eyebrows questioning, "Did they really just say that?"

In a nutshell, The Lonely Island are three dorky white guys rapping who truly make it hilariously amazing.



'SLUMDOG' **WORTHY OF AWARDS**

By Brad York Senior Verge Reporter

After all of the Oscar buzz has settled, "Slumdog Millionaire" proved to be the one-in-a-million film it was promised to be.

The movie follows one Mumbai teen, Jamal Malik, as he travels through life in hopes to find love and rise from the slums he was destined to live in.

The plot puts Malik on the set of the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," and it bluntly asks you how he got there.

Along the way we meet Malik's best friend Salim and the love of his life, Latika, through flashbacks that explain how and why he knows the answers to the questions he is asked.

These characters prove to be crucial to the storyline, and they are some of the most developed characters in the

The acting is superb by the young and inexperienced cast and not once, did I find myself questioning the casting director.

With no big named actors and actresses it is easy to see how this movie could have been looked over, but the storyline - based on a novel by Vikas Swarup - and the brilliant directing by Danny Boyle made this movie worthy of all eight of the Oscars it took home last Sunday including best picture and best director.

unique cinematography throughout the film and the sounds of Mumbai set the tone of the film, and it helps you live vicariously through the characters with no questions asked.

The hopes and desires of each character become your aspirations as well.

The movie has a little bit of some thing for all moviegoers.

Some scenes prove to be delightfully grotesque without showing the outcome of the violence.

Other scenes depict blind love in the finest of fashions.

All of which are needed to tell the complex chain of events that is Jamal Malik's life.

Chris Dickens, the film editor, also received an Academy Award for the fast cuts and great vision the film uses as Malik's hectic life unfolds before your

The feel good story of the year is driven home by the fact that it stands as a true depiction of what is happening in some other countries.

As the sun beats down on the cluttered landscapes, it shows you just how good some people have it in America.

Look past the hype and you will be able to tell that "Slumdog Millionaire" deserves all the recognition it gets.

'RELAPSE' LEAKED, BREAKS BILLBOARD RECORD FOR OPENING WEEK SALES

Bv Neil Schneider Verge Reporter

Detroit rapper Eminem's last full-length album of new material was released on November 16, 2004.

Eminem's fourth album, "Encore," sold 710,000 copies in it's three-day opening weekend and claimed the top spot on the Billboard Top 200 chart, but the album received criticism for it's lack of controversial material and overall toned down creative lyricism.

Since then, Eminem has only released "Curtain Call," a greatest hits album, and an autobiography entitled "The Way I Am."

Many fans have been waiting and wondering if we would ever hear from the 8 Mile rapper ever again, and if he would be able to capture the same intensity nerstone during his first three al-

Well that wait is over; Eminem has announced a new album for this spring.

No official date has been set by Interscope Records.

Eminem's new album is called "Relapse," and so far a partial song called "I'm Having a Relapse," has leaked to the Internet, while the song "Crack a Bottle," was officially released on Jan. 6 by Shady45 Satellite radio, Eminem's satellite radio station.

Eminem's "Crack a Bottle" features 50 Cent and the return of Dr. Dre to the rap game. The song was originally released with Dre's part being rapped by Emi-

The final version features Dr. Dre rapping the second verse.

The song features a sing-a-long

and brutal honesty that was a cor-"So crack a bottle, let your body waddle/ Don't act like a sloppy model, you just hit the lotto."

> Then the Doctor comes in for the second verse.

> Dr. Dre follows Eminem's verse with a confident return to the microphone.

> Dre raps "They see that lowrider go by, they like, 'Oh my!" while the piano based rhythm moves along.

> It's good to hear Dre can still rap considering we have all been waiting for his long-awaited album "Detox."

> 50 Cent's third verse follows a somewhat different lyrical tempo, but the content is typical 50 Cent with 50 rapping "I'm the napalm, the don, I'm King Kong. Get rode on, wrapped up and ringed on/ I'm so calm, through Vietnam, ring the alarm."

tle," has opened with immediate

Billboard.com reported that the new single has broken the record for opening week download sales with 418,000 downloads and a number one spot on the Hot 100 singles chart.

The record for most downloads was previously held by T.I. featuring Rihanna.

Eminem's new single broke the record by 83,000 downloads.

If the opening week downloads are any indication of what's to come, Eminem's new album should re-establish him in the rap

"Crack a Bottle," is a radio-friendly tune that fans of all genres will at least give a listen to.

Hopefully it is an early indication of better things to come from Eminem's upcoming new album.