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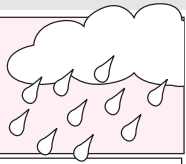
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Senate outraged over new merger

Consolidation of botany and zoology not handled properly

By **TAMMIE SLOUP**
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday voted to support a motion that expressed its "extreme outrage" regarding the proposed botany/zoology merger, despite strong opposition from the chair.

"The debate should be about the nature of the merger," said senate member John Allison.

Gail Richard, chair of Faculty Senate, asked the senate to withdraw the motion during her preliminary comments because the facts the senate have heard and the feedback she has received in the past week show that the department of biological sciences is still in the design phase and the senate "needs to move on."

The motion, proposed at the last meeting, states: "The Faculty Senate expresses its extreme

outrage with the process of which the consolidation of botany, zoology and environmental biology had occurred. Questions in regard to majors, money, motive and mission were not adequately or honestly addressed. Faculty Senate urges the administration to openly and honestly resolve the issues adequately to ensure the quality and integrity of the botany program."

"I have spent the past week reviewing volumes of information from the university and community and as I look at the issue, there are numerous facts to present," Richard said. "Regardless, we will never have all the facts."

Richard mentioned that Susan Gilpin, chair of the Board of

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IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

April showers

Elaine Harder, a junior foreign language major, holds her holder above her head to keep off rain, while going to her car after school Tuesday afternoon in a parking lot next by the campus pond.

Vice president candidate will look for bar alternatives

By **JUSTIN KMITCH**
Assoc. news editor

Shirley Stewart, the third of five candidates interviewing for the position of associate vice president for student affairs, Tuesday said she has a few major issues she would like to address over the next five years.

She said she would like to become more involved in studying risk management techniques, alternatives to alcohol use, date rape drugs and weekend alternatives for students.



Shirley Stewart

Stewart currently holds the position of Eastern's director of student services and career counseling and also has held the position of personal, academic and career counselor at Lake Land Community College in Mattoon.

"We need to find a way for students to explore more than just the local bars," Stewart said.

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She said she was most proud of her efforts to coordinate the strategic plans for the offices of student affairs and the office of the vice president for student affairs.

"The (strategic plan) involved a very long process, but it was an excellent experience that I am very proud of," she said.

In her 10 years at Eastern, Stewart has participated in the Council on University Planning and Budget, Staff Congress Committee and she also served as Staff Senate president for the first two years of

the Staff Senate's existence.

Stewart said she sees her role as associate vice president for student affairs as a continuing one.

"I would be attending more student events and activities, but the only added responsibility that would be new to me would be attending Student Senate meetings," Stewart said. "I have already been involved in the other aspects."

She said Eastern has a respectable reputation for its "customer service" and

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DEANNA McINTYRE/Associate photo editor

And the beat goes on ...

About 50 people gathered in the Rathskeller Tuesday night to watch the annual Combo-Fest. The Gordan Jackson and Jason Thompson Combo Four group; Ryan Snowden on piano, Craig Yarger on drums, Soenke Schulz on saxophone, Eric Bowman on bass and Woods Miller on trumpet performed "So What" by Miles Davis as their final piece.

Student Senate to address tuition increase, class fees

By **JOE SANNER**
Student government editor

The Student Senate will continue its discussion of the proposed tuition increase and lowered limit for semester hour overload fees at tonight's meeting.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The proposed tuition increase will cause a 2.5 percent increase for all students, and lower the number of semester hours that can be taken before being charged an overload fee from 19 hours to 16.

The senate heard opinions from students at its emergency meeting on Monday and may re-evaluate the proposal, which is being designed to

create revenue and prevent double registering.

"I think students had some very valid points," said Senate Speaker Doug Stepansky.

Students at the meeting said 15 hours per semester may not be enough hours for some students to be able to graduate in four years.

"If people are trying to get ahead I don't see why they should have to pay more," said Erin Moran, a senior special education and English major, during the meeting.

The senate also will continue discussing the botany/zoology merger, which students have shown concerns regarding the curriculum and core of the

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McVeigh wants new trial

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh's lawyers told a federal appeals court Tuesday that he deserves a new trial in the Oklahoma City bombing because of juror misconduct and the publication of a purported confession from him just before the case began.



Nigh argued that the judge should have held a hearing to determine whether the jury had been tainted. Connelly characterized the comment as "offhand," pointing out the juror never said what the verdict should be.

The lawyers also argued in front of a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the judge at the trial, Richard Matsch, unfairly restricted questioning of prospective jurors about the death penalty.

But Circuit Judge Mike Murphy interjected: "I don't understand the possible harm there could have been by holding a hearing."

Prosecutor Sean Connelly countered that the jury that convicted McVeigh and sentenced him to death for the April 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building was impartial and diligent. The bombing claimed 168 lives.

Nigh was a member of McVeigh's defense team at the trial and replaced Stephen Jones as lead attorney after Jones and McVeigh had a falling out last summer.

A ruling from the appeals is not expected before the summer. The claim of juror misconduct stemmed from a comment one juror allegedly made to another during a recess, before the prosecution's case was completed and the defense had started. According to defense attorney Robert Nigh, the juror said: "We know what the verdict should be."

He told the appeals court that the defense was wrong to ignore a Dallas Morning News story about a purported confession by McVeigh.

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she would like to continue to improve that reputation. She said she would accomplish this goal by investigating Eastern's hours of operation and by distributing satisfaction surveys to students.

The newspaper ran the story after prospective jurors had been summoned. Nigh said the defense had hoped the issue would go away and didn't want to draw attention to it. "We made a serious judgment mistake," he said.

When the alleged confession was raised a second time by Playboy magazine, defense attorneys asked Matsch to move the trial or delay its start. He refused.

"Students that come to (student services) find us to be knowledgeable and customer oriented," Stewart said.

She said success in the position of vice president for academic affairs is best measured by three factors.

"I measure success by Strategic Planning results, surveys returned with positive responses and Eastern's retention rate," Stewart said. "If these things are positive, then you know you're doing something right."

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Trustees, Monday said at the board meeting that consolidation and cooperation of small major programs is becoming a trend across the country.

"Because it is a trend it is not a fate to the gods," Allison said.

Allison said one statistic that bothered him was that 33 percent of the botany courses were cut and he would not vote to withdraw the motion because he wanted some "additional light" shed on the issue.

"The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved it and the EIU administration approved it, the consolidation and merger are done," Richard said.

She said the mission and the motives of the merger are "clear in their intent." She also said \$30,000 has been added to the operating budget of the department before the merger.

"The savings ensure that the motive and the mission have been accomplished," she said.

Richard said the highest oppo-

sition when faculty were voting on issues concerning the merger and curriculum was three or four people out of 27 botany and zoology faculty (10 botany and 17 zoology). She also said that a two-thirds vote was needed for anything to be passed.

"It was not all one department (voting)," she said.

Senate member James Tidwell said that he was "uncomfortable" with the senate becoming involved in the internal affairs of departments.

"It really is a curricular matter, I don't know what we can do," he said. "I sympathize with those opposed to the merger."

Senate member Anne Zahlan said she stands by the resolution.

"I don't see how it involves curriculum. The purpose (of the resolution) is to alert small enrollment majors all over the country that are threatened," she said.

Senate member Ron Gholson also supported the motion.

"We represent all faculty per-

sons on campus. The resolution is worded strongly and I think it was appropriate," Gholson said.

Senate member Charles Eberly said when he first heard about the merger he thought his department was next (to merge) and he said he was "sensitive to it."

"We have to continue to be concerned with administrative processing and part of it is wrapped up in strategic planning," he said.

People need to have the ability to work equitably together, he said. He believed that was the "greatest damage" concerning the merger.

The senate also elected their new officers for the fall semester. The new chair will be Tidwell; the new vice chair will be senate member Bonnie Irwin; and the new secretary will be senate member Nancy Marlow.

Mary Durkin Wohlrabe, chair of the Council on Academic Affairs, and Brent Gage, admissions office, asked the senate for their support in encouraging other faculty to attend the Fall

Five bodies found in house

ARTESIA, Calif. (AP) - An aerospace worker apparently killed five friends and relatives at his home, then drove to a freeway overpass and jumped to his death.

The bludgeoned bodies of two men, two women and a young girl were found Sunday scattered throughout Ronald Taylor's home by sheriff's detectives who went there to notify relatives of his death. They got the address from Taylor's driver's license.

"This is a murder-suicide," said Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Deputy William Martin,

"and (Taylor) is indeed the suspect in the case."

The victims were Taylor's wife, Ruthie, 40; son Rick Taylor, 24; sister-in-law Mylissa Campbell, 29; niece Jolissa Morales, 6; and Tomy Kang Jung, 24, a family friend. The causes of death weren't released, but Martin said: "There is some trauma, there is some blood."

Authorities declined to discuss a possible motive. Taylor, 46, worked for McDonnell Douglas for 16 years as a handformer, according to court documents.

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new Biological Sciences Department.

The senate will discuss the proposed resolution, which states the senate "recommend the curriculum of the proposed Biological Sciences Department be redrafted by a committee, which is equally represented by individuals in each department affected by the merger."

The senate will also discuss a proposed bill to increase the student activity fee by \$5 in the fall of 1999 and again in the fall of 2000.

The money would probably go to the University Board and Division of Sports and Recreation.

"Those two really truly need it according to the tuition and fee review committee," Stepansky said.

In other proposed business:
■ The senate also will discuss proposed

constitutional revisions.

The revisions would change the duties of some executive positions and more clearly define other positions.

The revisions also would change the order of succession of the student body president from an alphabetical order to a more responsibility-related order.

■ New senate members will be seated at tonight's meeting and a new senate speaker will be elected.

Nominations will be taken tonight and the new speaker will be elected by newly-seated senate members.

■ Natural Ties is up for approval as a new recognized student organization. The group helps those with mental disabilities get involved in everyday activities that people can take for granted, Stepansky said.

Convocation for New Students.

"Our vision is to have a fall ceremony that inducts all new students," Gage said.

Gage said one reason for the convocation is to show new students what lies before them academically and socially.

A Professor Laureate will be chosen by the Council on Academic Affairs to be the keynote speaker at 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at Lantz Gymnasium.

"We want to establish a new award specifically earmarked for general education," Wohlrabe said.

There will be a picnic after the speaker where new students and their families can speak with faculty and their families.

The senate unanimously voted to support the fall convocation.

"I am pleased we are doing this," Eberly said.

Allison said the convocation would convey two things: "EIU is all together friendly and it is a university."

Bob Augustine, acting chair of

the graduate program, updated the senate about the review of the graduate program.

He said a task force has been reviewing four new revision models for the program and they will be meeting again today.

"They are looking at the graduate school in relationship to the campus," Richard said.

Augustine said when the task force comes up with a proposal, it will be sent to the vice president for academic affairs.

Richard said she would be sending a memo to Terry Weidner, vice president for academic affairs, stating that any changes considered in the graduate school in structure or procedure should go before the new VPAA, Teshome Abebe, who begins his term July 1. The memo also will state the senate must be allowed 90 days to disseminate any major changes brought to them, as stated in Article three of their constitution.

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Students overcome unusual circumstances to graduate

By AMY THON
Campus editor

After watching all of his children graduate, Robert Tuchel, 77, will get his turn to walk across the stage May 9 when he participates in Eastern's commencement ceremonies.

Tuchel, of Champaign, will receive a Board of Trustee's bachelor's of arts degree at the 5 p.m. ceremony.

"It only took 77 years," Tuchel said. "It was a long time goal. Everybody in the family (has) degrees but me."

Tuchel completed 186 hours of credit for the classes he has taken at Eastern, 30 of which were awarded to him for a portfolio of his work experiences he submitted to the university.

The portfolio described the knowledge Tuchel has gained from his life experiences and was submitted for an evaluation. A key criterion in the evaluation was the student's ability to organize and present verifiable evidence of learning experiences.

"I didn't want my tombstone to read: 'He quit before he got the job done,'" Tuchel said. "It thought it was an opportunity to keep going."

Tuchel earned an associate's degree in music from Parkland Community College and said he has always enjoyed his classes.

Tuchel also has taken courses

"I didn't want my tombstone to read: 'He quit before he got the job done.'"

- Robert Tuchel, 77, spring 1998 Eastern graduate

at Eastern, but was missing the necessary upper-level class credit to receive a diploma. His portfolio completed the requirements.

Tuchel said he has always wanted a degree but "there was always something in the way." Tuchel's wife, daughter, son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren all will be attending the graduation.

Tuchel is not the only student graduating that has waited a long time to earn a degree.

John O'Keefe, of Naperville, will be participating in the commencement ceremony 40 years late because he was drafted by the military before he could attend his own graduation in 1958.

"It's something I have thought about a long, long time," O'Keefe said.

He said he finished his courses in November of 1957 and should have graduated with his class in May of 1958, but was drafted before he got the opportunity to graduate. O'Keefe served in Korea from 1958 to

Commencement deadlines approach

By AMY THON
Campus editor

Deadlines are quickly approaching for the approximately 1,800 students participating in the May 9 commencement ceremonies.

Marty Hackler of the Commencement Office said tickets are now available for graduating students to pick up for family and friends to attend the ceremony. Each graduate is allowed seven tickets if the ceremony is not held outdoors because of weather. The tickets can be picked up from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. until May 8 in the Commencement Office.

The outdoor ceremonies will be held in the Library Quad at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The indoor ceremonies, if necessary because of bad weather, will be held in Lantz Gymnasium and seating for both ceremonies is first come first serve, Hackler said.

"We do give extra tickets when we can," Hackler said.

She said cap and gown orders can be picked from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 7 and 8 in the Charleston Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A representative also will be available to pass out robes the morning of the ceremony beginning at 7:30 a.m. for students traveling from out of

town to participate in commencement.

Students are requested to be at the Field House in Lantz Gymnasium one hour before the ceremony to find their seats and prepare for the ceremony. Hackler said this is necessary, because there is no commencement rehearsal prior to May 9.

The 9 a.m. ceremony is for graduate students and students in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Students in the College of Education and Professional Studies or the College of Sciences will graduate at the 1 p.m. ceremony. The 5 p.m. ceremony is for students in the College of Arts and Humanities and the School of Adult and Continuing Education.

Hackler said as soon as the graduates leave the Field House set up begins for the next ceremony.

"There is usually enough time (between ceremonies). It usually works out pretty well," Hackler said.

Students are requested to return commencement regalia to designated bins immediately following the ceremony, but can keep college tassels, honors tassels and cords for memorabilia.

Graduation announcements can be obtained from the Union bookstore anytime prior to the ceremony.

Diploma's will be mailed to graduates 10 to 12 weeks following the ceremony if all requirements and obligations have been met.

1960 and has worked as a teacher in the Chicago public school system for the last 30 years.

O'Keefe was visiting the university last year when he mentioned to Lou Hencken, vice

president for student affairs, that he never participated in the graduation ceremonies. He said the university contacted him two months ago about joining the 1998 graduates.

O'Keefe said the ceremony will mean a lot to him.

"I didn't think to much of (missing the ceremony), but as the years go past you get more nostalgic," he said.



DEANNA McINTYRE/Associate photo editor

Spring fresh

Jonathan Nolan, a sophomore business and finance major, and roommate Mike Schmitz, a sophomore finance major, start their laundry Tuesday night in the laundry room of Taylor Hall.

CAA to elect new officers, discuss integrated core writing component

By SALLY SHIREMAN
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday will elect new officers for the fall semester.

The last meeting of the year will be held at 2 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nominations for the positions of chair and vice chair will be taken from the floor and voted on at the meeting, said CAA Chair Mary Durkin Wohlrabe. The newly elected officers will begin their terms at the beginning of the 1998-99 school term.

The CAA also will discuss the plans for revision of the integrated core writing component requirement, Wohlrabe said. Five subcommittees will begin reviewing five segments of the integrated core beginning in the fall.

CAA member Ken Sutton previously recommend-

ed the CAA look at websites provided by Linda Calendrillo, associate professor of English, which gave examples of writing intensity definitions at other universities.

The CAA is currently looking at other websites with similar information to help them come up with a proposal to revise the writing component in the integrated core at Eastern, Wohlrabe said.

In other business, The CAA has several course revision proposals: AIS 2630 - Business presentations and document design, AIS 3100 - Records/information management, AIS 3200 - Advanced microcomputer applications and development, - AIS 4700 - End-user systems implementation and training and administrative information systems major.

The CAA also will review several new course proposals: AIS 3150 - Design and development of web pages for business, ACC 2101 - financial accounting and ACC 2102 - Managerial accounting.

Corrections

An article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* did not name Bonnie Irwin, associate professor of English, as a member of the presidential search committee. *The News* regrets the error.

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Senate should vote down class hour overload charges

The Student Senate will be considering a 2.5 percent tuition increase at tonight's meeting.

The increase is supposed to index the cost with inflation. However, the senate's tuition and fee review committee has made an extra recommendation. It has been recommended that students pay an overload fee for every credit taken over 16 hours.

Editorial

The senate should not pass this recommendation. The senate need

only to approve an increase before Eastern recommends its budget to the Illinois Board of Higher Education in the fall.

However, the current recommendation would penalize students that take more than the 16-credit-hour mark. The university says it needs the tuition increase and extra charge for 17 hours to keep pace with inflation.

By charging extra for credit hours above the 16-credit-hour mark, the university may eliminate the extra revenue it wants to raise, because students will be discouraged from taking extra classes by the extra cost.

Students may also be discouraged from graduating in four years leaving the university with more students needing classes for a longer amount of time.

Also, Eastern has tied the need for the overload charge to students double enrolling in core classes. But this comparison does not make sense. Inflation doesn't cause a lack of core classes. The lack of core classes is caused by fewer state dollars being allocated to Eastern and fewer instructors to teach the core classes.

The senate would be better off to increase tuition for every student rather than basing a monetary increase on their class load.

At an emergency meeting, senate members estimated the increase at 5.5 percent. While this is a large increase by university standards, it is better to have an across-the-board increase than to penalize only students who want to take more than 16 credit-hours in one semester.

The senate should dismiss the current tuition recommendation, and above all, search for more equitable ways to raise the needed money.

“today's quote

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we might roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

—John Howard Payne

New administrator must stay part time job

The associate vice president for student affairs, an administrative position that used to be around but has not for many years, is soon being reintroduced to the university.

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken has been the sole person responsible for his area for many years, with no one to help. With the addition of the part-time associate vice president, Hencken will have some duties relieved from his desk.

Hencken said Tuesday the position will be part time, and the person will make \$200 to \$300 per month.

The office of student affairs is badly in need of an associate vice president. In the last six years athletics, the Student Recreation Center and the Counseling Center have been added to Hencken's already full plate.

However, there are a few potential problems with the candidates and having the job be only part time.

According to Hencken, all the people who have applied - Frank Hohengarten, David Milberg, Shirley Stewart and Dale Wolf - are already full-time employees of the university. His theory, which is probably accurate, is that already busy people tend to be the hardest and best workers.

But these full-time employees also have a responsibility to the area they are already over. An added responsibility for Hencken with the new associate vice president will be to make sure the full-time area of responsibility is not ignored by the new associate vice president.

The associate vice president will have four basic responsibilities: attend meetings in Hencken's place, be around in case of emergencies, help with strategic planning paperwork and coordinate search committees.

Hencken said currently he is responsible for each of these duties, but sometimes could use help. Attending the meetings is an issue especially at the beginning and end of the school year because he is invited to attend many meetings or events, but oftentimes they are at conflicting times.

Hencken also is the chair of the emergency management group that is responsible for getting the university together in a crisis, such as if a student dies or there is a meningitis outbreak.

The part-time person also will be responsible for



REAGAN BRANHAM
Regular columnist

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doing some paperwork dealing with strategic planning for the area of student affairs and coordinating plans with other areas.

Hencken said the last of the four areas is dealing with search committees because he is expecting several retirements in various departments in the next several years. The associate vice president would coordinate the search committees and do paperwork associated with

this such as gathering questions and creating surveys.

Sound like this could be a full-time job in the future? It sounded like it to me, but Hencken says definitely no, and that is why full-time employees are better suited for the job.

In fact, if it weren't for the \$65,000 - \$70,000 salary that person would receive, the university could probably use a full-time person in this position.

But, as Hencken himself said, that money could be better used in other areas and having a part-time associate vice president will be enough to help him.

Now, the university must hold Hencken and other administrators to this promise. He is right. The university does not have the money for another administrator, and we are badly in need of these funds in other areas throughout the university.

Three of the four of the employees who have applied for the position are making more than \$60,000 a year all ready. And \$200 to \$300 more per month is not a real incentive for the extra work. So, why are these already high-ranking officials interested in the position?

The title, says Hencken. Maybe. Or maybe they see the potential for having a full-time job in the future - either as an associate vice president or taking over for Hencken when he is ready to retire or move on.

Either way, Hencken must make certain \$300 a month is all that is given for this part-time position.

When this position is announced next week, Hencken will lose some responsibilities, but he will add a few more to ensure that the intent of the position does not change over the next couple of years.

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Endorsements do not give supple data about student candidates

To the editor:

This is in response to *The Daily Eastern News'* Student Government endorsements. It is my understanding that the role of the media is to provide viewers or readers with reliable and objective (within reason) information, that the public might make informed decisions about the issues facing them. The full page article on candidate endorsements was an abuse of journalistic power.

First of all, there was no balance of information given concerning each candidates' views and qualification background. For instance, concerning candidates for student vice president for public affairs, eight paragraphs were devoted to supporting Liz Halbert. Only one, one sentence para-

your turn

graph was devoted to Melissa Girten - and that sentence claimed that she was just as qualified, with no explanation of why. Again, with the candidates for student body president, 12 paragraphs (1/4 of the page!) were devoted to the endorsed candidate, while one sentence telling of the other candidate having "Many goals if he were elected," without listing one.

My second major complaint was the lack of source information. The article tells that the editorial board selected the candidates, but failed to provide information on what makes the members of the editorial board reliable sources. These members may be qualified individuals, but they need to keep in mind that their decisions may have substantial influence. Because they are almost the sole providers of student candidate facts,

they have a responsibility to provide objective information objectively and subjective information with due substantiation.

Eric Cler
sophomore pre-engineer major

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Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Letters accepted after Thursday will be run during the summer.

Location for new Charleston post office to be chosen from four sites

By NICOLE MEINHEIT
Staff writer

Four possible sites have been chosen for a new Charleston post office that will be built during the next few years.

"The building is 80 years old and we've run out of room for parking and we need additional parking for our employees," said Donna Fox, Charleston postmaster. "There is no convenient mail box, we have the one drive up in the alley, but we need more space inside."

The current building has 4,000 square feet of space and post office employees estimate they need 20,000 square feet, Fox said.

When the new building is built, they will have at least 20,000 square feet of space, Fox said.

The new building will have more up-to-date equipment and a retail store in the lobby where stamps and merchandise will be on display, similar to a store, Fox said.

"It will also mean with scales and additional space to work them (it will) make (the postal workers) more efficient," Fox said. "Right now we were gathering information on vacant land that is available and sending to district." Fox said.

The four proposed sites currently are:

- Land west of the Best Western Worthington Inn.
- The vacant lot in the southeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Street.
- Property on Route 16 east of the new Citizens Bank facility.
- On Route 316 in the Northwest

Business Park.

Once a decision is made the construction of the post office will not begin during this fiscal year, Fox said.

"It'll be a while yet (before a site is determined). They will turn it over to the real estate department and our fiscal year begins in September, so it probably won't be in the budget," Fox said.

The U.S. Postal Service is financed through outside sources, Fox said.

"US postal service does not receive tax subsidies," Fox said.

Fox said district representatives determine which sites are in need of a new post office. In addition to Charleston, Monticello also will receive a new post office and Urbana is in the process of building one, Fox said.



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Tea time

Kitenge N'Gambwa, international student adviser, celebrates the graduation of three international students, (from left) Kalsom Abdul Rahim, a senior business education major, Bei Hua, an educational administration graduate student and Oliver Willmes an MBA graduate student, during an international tea in the Wesley Foundation.

EIU Community Orchestra concert to kick off tonight

By MICHELLE POWELL
Activities editor

Students will have the opportunity to be further educated tonight at the EIU Community Orchestra concert, said music professor Hyunsai Lee.

An estimated 50 to 60 members will perform tonight in the concert, including two guest soloists, Lee said.

The soloists will be Donald and Gretchen Tracy who will play a piece composed by Vivaldi called "Concerto for Two

Cello." Donald Tracy is a retired Eastern music professor.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Building. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public.

Four classical orchestra pieces will be performed during the concert: "A Carman Suite No.1", composed by Bizet; "Concerto for Two Cello composed by Vivaldi"; "Pitite Suite", composed by Debussy; and "A Night on Bald Mountain", composed by Mussorgsky. Each of the pieces will be

under the direction of Lee.

The piece will be played by a small group of orchestra members on five string instruments: viola, violin, cello, bass and the harpsichord.

Members of the orchestra, which includes Eastern students, retired faculty, high school teachers and citizens of Charleston, have been practicing since March.

"This is the orchestra's second time this semester performing," Lee said. He said the concert will be a learning process for peo-

ple who attend.

"(The concert) will be entertaining and have an educational purpose," Lee said.

Lee said anyone can perform in the concert if they are interested.

"Students who are not music majors can join," Lee said. "At the beginning of the semester an audition is given and as an orchestra member they must have certain years of playing experiences."

Students who are interested in joining the EIU Community Orchestra can contact the music department.

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State board recommends pay raises for legislators, judges

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - A state board is recommending fatter paychecks for hundreds of state officials - including judges and legislators - but key lawmakers already were skeptical of the proposal Tuesday.

The state Compensation Review Board plans to propose pay increases for about 1,200 high-ranking state officials in a report later this week. The Legislature then will have 30 session days to accept or reject the recommendations in total. Kevin Forde, the board's chairman, said the proposed increases - particularly for judges - are needed to attract qualified candidates.

But some lawmakers said the state has no trouble attracting prospective judges at the current salary level - starting at more

than \$100,000 a year.

"Every time we have a vacancy (in DuPage County), we have 40 people file for it," said Senate President James "Pate" Philip, R-Wood Dale.

Under the proposal, judges would receive a 3 percent increase in each of the next two fiscal years, beginning July 1. For Supreme Court justices, that would mean an increase from the current \$130,250 a year to slightly more than \$138,000, Forde said.

The governor, lawmakers and dozens of high-ranking appointed officials would see their base pay increase 2 percent a year over two years. And the lieutenant governor's annual pay would jump 14 percent - from \$89,357 to \$96,804 - to match the rate of

the state treasurer and comptroller.

The increases would be in addition to automatic annual cost-of-living adjustments, which this July will be 2.9 percent. The recommendations, which always come during election years, will take effect unless both the House and the Senate reject them. Lawmakers voted against the last proposed pay increases in 1996. State Sen. Steven Rauschenberger, R-Elgin, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he's against boosting salaries across the board. Instead, he said, the state should be allowed to compare the workload of lawmakers, for example, to other state jobs and set salaries accordingly.

With the 2 percent increase

UN payment blocked by abortion stance

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate, following the House's lead, approved legislation Tuesday imposing abortion restrictions on the payment of \$926 million in back dues to the United Nations.

The White House quickly announced President Clinton would veto the bill, even though the U.N. payments are a top priority. The vote was a narrow 51 to 49.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., warned that a veto would be "a big mistake," and said he doubted Clinton would get another chance this year to get the U.N. money through the Republican-led Congress. "In my opinion, this is it," Lott told reporters.

But White House deputy press secretary Barry Toiv said, "By including this extraneous but controversial provision relating to family planning, the Congress leaves the president no choice but to veto the bill."

"We hope they will get the bill up here quickly so the president can veto it and we can move on to separating this issue from this essential legislation, as it

ought to be separated," Toiv said.

The legislation also would authorize an array of State Department programs and reorganize the foreign-policy bureaucracy. The bill, which passed the House last month, next goes to Clinton. The thin margin of approval - where Democrats opposing passage were joined by Republicans who support abortion rights - suggested a veto would be sustained.

In remarks in the Rose Garden, Clinton condemned Congress' failure to provide payment of the back U.N. dues without strings attached or to approve his request for \$18 billion to help the International Monetary Fund ease the strains of the Asian financial crisis.

"We think that different rules apply to us and we have a right not to pay our way so we can have this fight over an issue that is unrelated to our U.N. responsibilities or our IMF responsibilities," the president said. "I don't think that is a responsible, mature message to send to the world by the leading country in the world."

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ALPHA KAPPA DELTA meeting today at 5 p.m. in Blair Hall (downstairs by vending machines). This is our last meeting, so bring final exam schedules & money. We will be going to Pagliai's for spaghetti. All members please attend.

EIU BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE meeting today in the Sullivan room. Restructure of officers, so all new/ old officers need to be present. If you can not attend, call Chris @ 581-3392.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER Mass today at 9 p.m. in the Newman Chapel. The Newman Chapel is located on the corner of 9th and Lincoln Ave.

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UNITY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP CHOIR Bible study today at 7 p.m. in MLK Union Shelbyville room.

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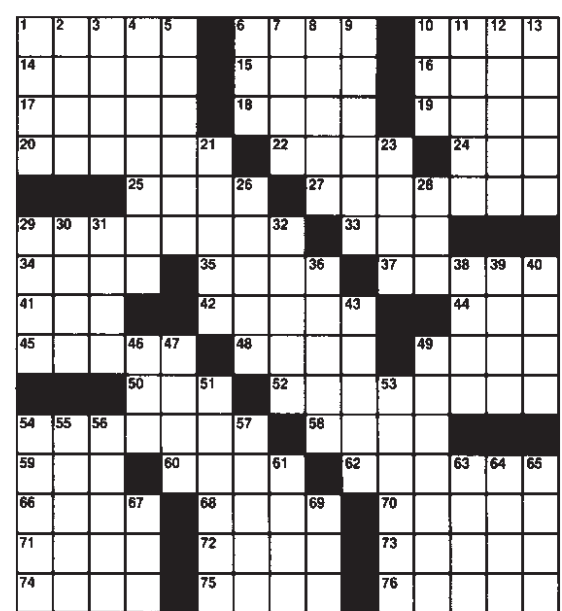
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- 1 Under (concealed)
 - 6 Woman's shoe
 - 10 "Cease and desist!"
 - 14 Irene, Dike and Eunomia
 - 15 Positive
 - 16 Stigma
 - 17 Spooky board
 - 18 Kind of list
 - 19 Beauty (apple variety)
 - 20 "Finally!"
 - 22 Food
 - 24 Honest one
 - 25 _____ & Chandon (champagne)
 - 27 Diamond middleman?
 - 29 Herb sometimes called Chinese parsley
 - 33 For example
 - 34 Computer type
 - 35 Writer Jaffe
 - 37 Fixed tire
 - 41 _____ foo yung
 - 42 Coroner's concern
 - 44 "Eureka!"
 - 45 Frothy
 - 48 Way of speaking
 - 49 Formal hat, informally
 - 50 Lawyer's hurdle
 - 52 Frightening
 - 54 First-rate
 - 58 Korean statesman
 - 59 _____ Tomé and Principe
 - 60 College sports org.
 - 62 Disgust
 - 66 Polo competitor
 - 68 Summit
 - 70 Bellyache
 - 71 Nimble
 - 72 Football's Armstrong
 - 73 Later
 - 74 Hinders legally
 - 75 Corset prop
 - 76 Cooped up at Old MacDonald's
- DOWN**
- 1 "Hold it!"
 - 2 Beat badly
 - 3 Seed covering
 - 4 Bit of bedwear
 - 5 Rainy or silly follower
 - 6 Camera setting
 - 7 Pear-shaped instrument
 - 8 Spheres
 - 9 Tithe amounts
 - 10 Abbr. on old Asian maps
 - 11 Paint job finale
 - 12 Pentameter parts
 - 13 Questionable cradle location
 - 21 Aquarium fish
 - 23 Glide aloft
 - 26 "Speckled" fish
 - 28 Bread for a Reuben
 - 29 G _____
 - 30 Betrayer of the Moor



Puzzle by Susan Smith

- 31 Women's Tour sponsor: Abbr.
- 32 Fully informed about
- 36 Ed of "Lou Grant"
- 38 Mob boss
- 39 Doubt-conveying interjection
- 40 Peel
- 43 Refrain in many early Beatles songs
- 46 Entrepreneur's deg.
- 47 Gape
- 49 Hush-hush
- 51 Right-hand pages
- 53 Rules
- 54 Up on deck
- 55 Stuns
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4/29 LEIGH ANN WEIGEL- congratulations on graduating. We're so proud of you and we love you. Love, Your roommates.

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4/29 CORTNY MCDERMOTT OF SIGMA KAPPA: Congratulations on being elected President of the political science club. Your mommy is proud.

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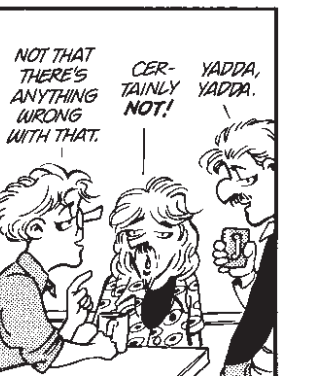
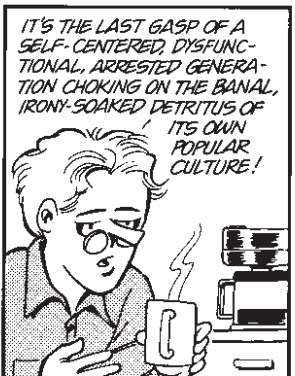
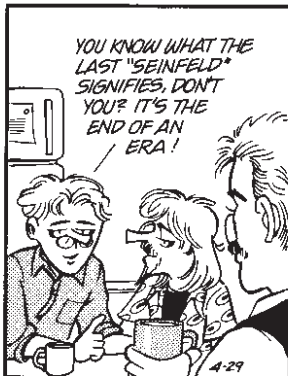
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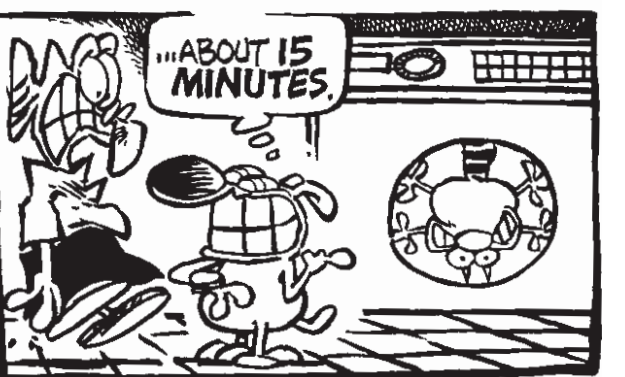
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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DaLaere for Panther to be honored by conference

For the first time this season an Eastern softball player was honored by the Ohio Valley Conference for outstanding performances.

Sophomore pitcher Sara DaLaere was named OVC Co-Pitcher of the week, and will share the honor with Eastern Kentucky's Kerri Duncan.

DaLaere threw back-to-back shutouts against Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay, while compiling a 4-0 record for the week. She improved her record to 12-5 on the season.

DaLaere allowed just three runs on 18 hits and walked only four while striking out 19 in 35 innings of work. For the week, DaLaere had an ERA of only 1.08.

DaLaere now leads the Panther pitching staff in wins, shutouts (3), saves (2), and strikeouts (53). She



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is sixth in the conference in wins and leads the OVC in saves.

Panthers Looking at Sixth Seed in Tournament:

Eastern will most likely end up with the sixth seed in the OVC tournament this weekend. The Panthers first-round opponents will be either Tennessee-Martin or Middle Tennessee.

Eastern went 5-1 against conference opponents last week, including shutouts against top-seeded Southeast Missouri State and Austin Peay.

Sophomore outfielder Adrienne Noll provided an offensive spark for the Panthers by batting .538 on the week, while driving in seven runs on 14 hits.

DaLaere improved her record to 12-5 with shutout wins over SEMO and Austin Peay.

SEMO Wins Conference: Southeast Missouri continued its dominance over the OVC as it won its fourth straight OVC regular-season title after going 3-1 last week.

SEMO posted a doubleheader sweep over Austin Peay, while splitting games with Eastern.

Senior Kim Palmer hit her 13th homer of the season and captured the Otahkians career home run record.

Jenny Oermann did her part in the wins last week by going a perfect 4-4 and drove in four runs in SEMO's 6-0 win over Eastern.

Junior pitcher Debbie Schmelz was also outstanding throughout the week, scattering nine hits in 14 innings of work. Schmelz gave up

1998 DIVISION SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
West		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Southeast Missouri	16-2	34-10-1
Tennessee-Martin	11-6	22-18-1
Eastern Illinois	9-8	22-19
Austin Peay	2-13	20-27
East		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Eastern Kentucky	15-5	34-16
Middle Tennessee	12-8	22-18-1
Tennessee Tech	9-7	17-15
Morehead State	7-11	13-31
Tennessee State	0-21	5-36

one earned run, while walking two and striking out four.

The Otahkians are now 16-2 in the conference with only two games left to play. SEMO has one doubleheader left against Tennessee-Martin, before it pre-

pares to host the OVC Tournament this weekend.

The first victim for top-seeded SEMO in the OVC tournament will be either Austin Peay or Tennessee State.

Cellar Dwellers: Austin Peay is on the bubble and needs a pair of Tennessee State losses to guarantee itself a spot in the OVC Tournament, where it would have the unenviable task of facing a tough SEMO team.

The Lady Govs have won only three of their last 16 games, to drop them to 2-13 in the conference and put them at the bottom of the West Division. The one bright spot for the Lady Govs has been sophomore outfielder Louranda Sanders, who batted .421 last week, including a 4-8, 2-RBI performance against Tennessee-Martin.

-compiled by Kyle Bauer

STARKEY

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"Coach has taught me a lot of things," Starkey said. "I just love her philosophy in general. If and when I do decide to coach, that's the kind of person I would like to be. To have another year to learn from her is kind of a good thing for me."

Starkey said she is more at ease at the plate now, thanks to Searle.

"Having her down there at third base, smiling at me and waving at me just makes me laugh," she said. "I think this is the first time I've ever smiled before I get up to hit. Then you have Jeff (Jackson) on the other side, the big male figure, like your dad. You have your mom and your dad right out there."

As Searle has had an immediate impression on Starkey, so has the senior had an effect on her new coach.

"I wish she was a freshman," Searle said. "I wish I had the opportunity to coach her for four years. I've enjoyed working with her for a year. At the get go, when I met her I knew she had the demeanor, the composure and the experience of a Division I ball player. Looking at her swing and looking at her field ground balls, very early on we said, 'Don't get hurt. We want you out there.'"

Starkey has seen her role change in her four years as a Panther. Her first season at Eastern saw Starkey patrolling the outfield, not manning her usual first base position. Starkey found herself out of place with a lot

to learn.

"They had to teach me everything about everything in the outfield," she said. "But I had Jen Cherveney teaching me how to get to balls. I listened to her and she taught me where to stand and moved me over. I was lucky to be around when Jen was here, very lucky."

By making the transition to the outfield, Starkey was able to crack the starting line up in her freshman year, and fulfill her role of one of the teams hitters.

"I came in here, from day one, my biggest role was hitter," Starkey said.

Starkey worked hard to earn and keep her starting role. She started 54 games in her freshman year, driving in 22 RBIs.

"That's like a big thing for a lot of people," Starkey said. "You come into a program and you start freshman year. It makes you feel pretty good. It makes your ego get a little bigger too being a freshman. If you could ask any of those people who were older than me they'd say, 'Yeah, she had a big ego. She was a pain.'"

Starkey sees her role on the team now as being a leader, though at times she has trouble keeping her emotions in check.

"Being a senior, you get this leadership and you need to take charge," she said. "I think basically my role as leader is big, but, there's also the silent people that are younger

"I wish she was a freshman. I wish I had the opportunity to coach her for four years."

-Lloydene Searle, Panther softball coach

that when I show my emotions at times they come and they say we know you're excited, but you have to calm down."

Though she said she wouldn't change much about her career at Eastern, Starkey wouldn't mind playing a little longer.

"I feel like a freshman in a seniors body," she said. "I want to keep playing. I want to play four more years. Everything's fitting into place and it's kind of hard leaving. But, in a way I get to come back, so it's not such a bad thing."

Starkey says her time at Eastern has matured her, both on and off the field.

"It's had a great effect on me," she said. "When I came in here I had a really hard time with my emotions. I was the kind of person who was very aggressive, always competitive. I was competitive even with my teammates when

"I was younger. I was very, very hard on myself. I've learned you have to take everything with a grain of salt."

This process has helped Starkey balance

school and the team.

"This year has been different with school and everything," she said. "A lot of us have been struggling with getting our stuff turned in. I know I have. It's like this big puzzle you just have to put the pieces in."

One of Starkey's biggest memories came last season at the Banquet after the OVC tournament.

"When I got chosen to be on the first-team all conference, I ended getting on the bus and crying my eyes out," she said. "You come in as a team and your the new team in the conference and you have to gain a little respect. I was just excited enough to gain a little bit of respect from a lot of good teams, a lot of good coaches. It made me feel really good."

With the days winding down in her conference career, Starkey admits she does have some anxious moments.

"There's a lot of frustration," she said. "There's a lot of stress. Especially in the last couple of games, I've been pressing a lot. You always want to do your best. You keep thinking now I've only got eight games left, now I've got six, now I've got four, now I've got two. I think people tend to push more because you want to be the best."

But in the end, Starkey's feelings about Eastern come down to one reoccurring theme.

"I would never change a thing, ever."

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Lyons honored by conference for second time

For the second time this season, Panther junior center fielder Sean Lyons has been named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.

When the Panthers took two-of-three games from Austin Peay last weekend, Lyons led the way going 10-for-14 for an average of .714. Of the 10 hits, Lyons had three doubles. He also added four RBI and seven runs scored.

In the six games last week, Lyons batted .524 with five doubles, a triple and four RBI in six games. He is currently second in the conference with 18 two-baggers for an average of .42. He trails Tennessee Tech's Ryan Browning by .01.

Lyons has also been able to make contact with the ball, as he has not struck out in seven straight games.

Battle for the last spot:

The top six teams in the OVC standings get to make the trip to the tournament on May 7-9. Eastern and Southeast Missouri both have to win one out of three games this weekend to clinch the



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top two spots in the conference. This would mean both teams would get a first-round bye.

There is still a big battle for the sixth spot in the tournament. Currently Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State are tied for the fifth with 10-11 record. So if the season would have ended last weekend, they would have gotten the final two spots.

But trying to catch the Golden Eagles and the Colonels is the team that was predicted to finish first in the conference, Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders sit in seventh position with an 8-12 record and 1 1/2 games in back of Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

"We want to go to the tournament, I don't know if we have the team to do it or not, but that's our objective," Eastern Kentucky head coach Jim Ward said. "There's a lot of scenarios and a lot of balance from two through

eight. We can't worry about anybody else, we just have to worry about ourselves and how we play this weekend."

Eastern Kentucky is the only one of the three teams that gets to play at home this weekend, but the Colonels have to face OVC leading Eastern. Middle Tennessee travels to fourth-place Murray State and Morehead State plays at second-place Southeast Missouri.

Ward said his team should not be in this situation right now.

"We should be in no trouble right now," he said. "But we let Murray sweep us at home this weekend and there was a couple of Sunday games when we've had leads but we couldn't hold them. We shouldn't be worried about getting in the tournament, we should already have a spot clinched."

If Southeast can take one out of three games from Morehead, it will host the OVC tournament.

Panthers on top:

Eastern is still one-two in the OVC home run battle, with

1998 BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Eastern Illinois	16-4	32-11
Southeast Missouri	14-7	26-19
Tennessee Tech	14-10	25-23
Murray State	11-10	17-31
Eastern Kentucky	10-11	20-24-1
Morehead State	10-11	17-31
Middle Tennessee	8-12	16-28
Austin Peay	7-14	20-30
Tennessee-Martin	5-16	14-29

This weekend's games:
 Eastern Illinois @ Eastern Kentucky
 Austin Peay @ Tennessee-Martin
 Middle Tennessee @ Murray State
 Morehead State @ Southeast Missouri
 Belmont @ Tennessee Tech

junior first baseman Mark Tomse leading the way with 16 homers for an average of .41 per game. Right behind Tomse is sophomore third baseman Matt Marzec, who has 15 homers and an average of .36.

But Eastern is not only on top of all the offensive categories, as the Panthers also have a leader in the pitching category. Junior reliever Bobby Castelli leads the

conference in both saves with 10 and ERA with a 1.59.

Castelli is also third in the conference in strike outs, as he has 58 total and an average of 11.5 per nine innings.

Junior Jeremy Sanders is in the running for the best record in the conference, with his 7-1 mark. The leader of the conference is Southeast Missouri's Ryan Spile with an 8-1 mark.

Streak snapped:

Tennessee Tech's seven-game losing streak was snapped in the second game of a doubleheader against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday. Lead by a complete game five-hitter by Mike Moore, Tech went on to cruise to a 7-1 victory and snap the streak.

Offensively Tech was led by outfielder Jody Wheeler, who had three doubles, a homer and five RBI last week.

Tech sits in third place in the OVC with a 14-10 record, and takes on non-conference Belmont this weekend.

-compiled by Matt Wilson

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"We need to get the pitchers ready for the weekend and for the tournament. Last weekend at Austin Peay Brian Prina got into a good rhythm. We are looking to pitch (Matt) Gage and (John) Larson and get them into a good rhythm."

-Jim Schmitz, Panther baseball coach

Eastern's offense sits atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings with a .353 batting average.

The Panthers hit the century mark for homers and doubles in last weekend's series against Austin Peay. With the 100 homers, Eastern is 29 homers ahead of its nearest competitor, Eastern Kentucky.

The pitching staffs for the two teams seem to be pretty even, as Bradley has a 6.26 ERA and Eastern comes in with a 6.11, second best in the OVC. Leading the way for the Bradley pitching staff

is sophomore Rob Purvis, who has a 7-3 record and a 5.21 ERA. In 77 2/3 inning pitched, Purvis has given up 45 earned runs on 88 hits. He has only given up five homers. The other Bradley pitcher with a winning record is senior Drew Chaney, who came in with a 4-2 record and a 4.60 ERA.

"They're not going to throw they're better guys that they throw in the weekend," Schmitz said. "The big thing is that our batters feel good."

Schmitz said his pitchers need to come out strong because of the weekends coming up.

"We need to get the pitchers ready for the weekend and for the tournament," Schmitz said. "Last weekend at Austin Peay Brian Prina got into a good rhythm. We are looking to pitch (Matt) Gage and (John) Larson and get them into a good rhythm."

Schmitz said the field is looking fine for the doubleheader today.

"We'll know early in the morning when we pull the tarp off," he said. "But right now it looks fine."

Hawks fire head coach

CHICAGO (AP) - Craig Hartsburg was fired Tuesday as coach of the Chicago Black-hawks after the team missed the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 1969.

But the official who dismissed him said it wasn't all the coach's fault. Not even close.

"I think he did everything he possibly could. I don't think there's anything left in the bag for him to bring," general manager Bob Murray said.

"I could not see him asking him to go back in that dressing room next year and try it again. ...I don't think he's bitter. He's peeved, like I am."

Murray blamed himself and the players, especially the veterans for failing to provide leadership on a team that struggled to score all season and struggled to win at home.

"No matter how much I'd like to get rid of 25 hockey players, I will not be able to get rid of them all. There are just so many you can get rid of and I just didn't think it was fair to put Craig back into that," Murray said.

"The things he did to motivate the team, he ran the gamut. He even came to me at one point and said 'Murph, if this doesn't work, you're going to have to get rid of me.' ... Too many guys had bad years and that has to be corrected."

Hartsburg's ouster is the beginning, Murray said, of what he hopes will be a major overhaul.

But he stressed that he must be given the flexibility by those above him, meaning owner Bill Wirtz and vice president Robert Pulford, to make the deals and changes he feels are necessary.

"I'm going to do my job and if I get fired, so be it," said Murray, who replaced Pulford as GM last July.

"I think I have to be allowed by the people upstairs to do them. (Last year) I didn't push hard enough. That's a major mistake I've made so far."

Murray said the team's veterans didn't relate well enough to younger players and singled out captain Chris Chelios for being distracted during the season, a situation he said would be worked out.

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The later rounds of the draft were handled a little better than the first. In the second round, Chicago took safety Tony Parrish out of Washington. Parrish recently ran a 4.45 40-yard dash, which impressed coach Dave Wannstadt.

They also got a possible steal in tight end Alonzo Mayes from Oklahoma State. Mayes is said to have first-round talent, but a positive marijuana test dropped him to the fourth round.

The Bears were victims of having the fifth pick in a four-player draft. Peyton Manning, Ryan Leaf, Andre Wadsworth and Charles Woodson were the class of the draft. The Bears could have done a better job filling their needs than they did however.

It should be a lot easier next year. The Bears are probably going to be the worst team in the NFL next season, and will then trade the number one pick to get Jim Harbaugh back into a Bears uniform.

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TODD SCHREIBER
Staff writer

Better picks there for Bears in first round

It has been over a week since the NFL draft, and I am finally able to talk about what happened.

The Bears *sigh* have put yet another running back on their roster. Curtis Enis is supposed to be the next....I don't know who, but they already had three running backs when he was drafted.

There were plenty of offers for a trade for the pick, but the Bears would not accept anything less than an arm and a leg, along with a first-round draft pick. No one would call the Bears' bluff, and Chicago went ahead and selected Enis.

Did they really need him though? True, the Bears' needs were listed before the draft as: everything, but the running back position was something where they actually HAD someone. The had Raymont Harris who was good if not great when healthy. They had just signed Edgar Bennett, who had his best games against Chicago. The Bears also had Rashaan Salaam, who fumbled too much, but was a big back.

Of the rumored trades the Bears passed up, the offer made by the New England Patriots seemed the most interesting. They apparently offered the Bears the number 18 and 22 picks for the number five pick. With these two picks, Chicago could have filled two needs.

If they wanted a running back that bad, Robert Edwards of Georgia was available. Edwards was actually taken by the Patriots. The Bears could have also taken Randy Moss, a wide receiver. Although Moss had off-field trouble, he would have been well worth the risk. The Bears will now have to deal with him twice against Minnesota this season.

If the Bears were thinking defense, there was plenty available there too. Defensive lineman Vonnie Holliday, from North Carolina, was taken at 19 and would have been available for the Bears. With the other pick from the Patriots, Chicago could have taken Tebucky Jones, a defensive back from Syracuse.

Another scenario saw the Bears getting the number nine and 25 picks from Jacksonville. This would have given the Bears more options with the first pick.

Again, if the Bears wanted a running back, Fred Taylor from Florida was available. Chicago was also interested in Georgia Tech linebacker Keith Brooking. With the 25 pick, the Bears could have taken Marcus Nash or Jaquez Green at receiver. At running back, James Avery and Robert Holcombe were both available.

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Panthers look to make Braves frightened



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Panther head coach Jim Schmitz claps for senior Clint Benhoff's homer against Tennessee Tech on April 19. Eastern was rained out Tuesday, but continues play at 1 p.m. today against Bradley.

By MATT WILSON
Sports editor

After getting rained out on Tuesday against Indiana/Purdue University at Indianapolis, the Panther baseball team will give it another go at 1 p.m. today when it hosts a doubleheader against Bradley.

"This is a really good midweek game for us," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "They're right in the middle of the pack in the Missouri Valley Conference and it will give our pitchers a good test. They are a very offensive team."

Eastern may be going into the game shorthanded, as Schmitz said both senior left fielder Josh Zink and senior second baseman Justin Stone are both banged up and may not start today.

"That's OK, we need them healthy for the OVC weekend," Schmitz said.

The Braves come in with a 21-23 overall record, but are 6-15 away from home.

Bradley has won its past two road games, as it split a four-game series at Southern Illinois on Saturday and Sunday. After losing the first two games at Southern, Bradley turned it around to defeat Southern 2-1 and

14-3 in the last two games.

Eastern has also taken on the Salukies this year, defeating Southern in the first game of the Saluki Invitational 9-8 on Feb. 27.

The Bradley offense has been able to put up some big numbers this year, with its largest offensive output being a 23-12 victory over Missouri on March 31.

As a team, Bradley has a .309 batting average and has pounded out 53 homers. Three players have accounted for 37 of the teams homers.

The leader of the Brave offense is senior catcher Chad Johnson, who has a .396 batting average. In 164 trips to the plate, Johnson has a team-leading 65 hits, 16 homers and 47 RBI.

Junior infielder Nelson Correa has also shown some offensive power this season, as he has hit a team-leading 12 doubles. He is second on the team with 36 RBI and third on the team with 10 long balls.

The other Brave to hit in double figures for homers is sophomore Jeff Busse with 11.

"Last year we had trouble getting those three guys out," Schmitz said.

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Senior reflects on four-year sport career

By ANDREW GRANGER
Staff writer



Emily Starkey

It rained on senior first baseman Emily Starkey's parade Tuesday.

Rain washed away the Panthers' last game of the season, Starkey's last home games at Eastern.

Starkey said head coach Llyodene Searle did her best to get the games in.

"She tried everything. She wanted to throw one pitch. I don't blame her, I really did too," Starkey said while clutching gifts given to her before the game. "It's kind of disappointing. But, I got some cool stuff."

The four-year letter-winner will attempt to keep her final year as a Panther going as long

as possible with a trip to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Starkey ends the regular season one RBI shy of tying the Eastern career record.

With one to tie and two to break the record being all she needs, Starkey said she has a good chance of taking

over the No. 1 spot.

Starkey has amassed 91 RBI in her career at Eastern thus far. She has averaged more than 22 RBI in each of her four years.

With her Panther playing days coming to a close, Starkey said she is content with what she has done.

"If I had to do it all over again I would do the same thing. I think one thing I've been good at is change," she said. "I think I'm pretty happy with the way things turned out. I would have liked a conference championship a little sooner, maybe I can get one now. I think as a team, we're one of the strongest teams I've played on in four years."

But though she will not be playing for Eastern next season, Starkey's ties to the team have not yet been completely undone.

"I'm going to be a student assistant next year," she said.

Starkey has a few hours left to complete her degree and will help the younger players develop their skills as an assistant to Searle.

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Western Michigan tops field at Central Collegiates

By DAVID PUMP
Associate sports editor

Eastern's men's track and field team will host the Central Collegiates meet on May 1 at O'Brien Stadium.

The Panther's return to action at home following a down week after sending a partial team to the Drake Relays.

Central Collegiates will mark the final home meet for Eastern's seniors.

"We have been talking about two things leading up to the meet," coach Tom Akers said. "Having good weather, and the seniors being really aggressive and to go out and extend through and have some really good performances."

The competition may have something to say about that as Eastern and Western Michigan are topping the eight-team field.

Eastern Michigan will bring in one of the nations premier 400-meter dash sprinters in Clement Chukwu. Chukwu, a junior,

made it to the quarterfinals in the 1996 Olympics for Nigeria and finished fifth at the indoor NCAA Championships and his teammate Fabian Rollins finished sixth, respectively.

"Clement will be the top athlete," Akers said. "But there will be some good people in every event."

Western Michigan is led by strong throwers. Adam Takace and Seth Drewberry have the best seed distances in hammer throw coming into the meet, and Ben Howell leads the entries in the discus.

The most exciting event on Saturday afternoon could be the 4x100-meter relay. WMU has the fastest seed time, but only .34 seconds separate first and third. Eastern is seeded second and EMU is third.

The Central Collegiates used to be a two-day event, but Akers said it was changed to one day following the dropping of Friday's event.

"After the decathlon was elimi-



DAVID PUMP/Staff photographer

Freshman Jimmy Sims jumps through the air at the Big Blue Classic on April 4. Eastern hosts the eight-team Central Collegiates meet Saturday.

nated, the meet was changed from being on two days to one," Akers said. "The teams will be coming in on Friday to check out

the facilities."

Bradley, DePaul, Detroit-Mercy, Loyola and Wisconsin-Milwaukee round out the field.