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## A startling sight

See more photos of Blair Hall in flames, how firefighters reacted.

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### Timeline of Blair Hall fire and events surrounding it

3:14 p.m. -- first 911 call placed

3:40 p.m. -- power shut off around campus, excluding Carman Hall

4:35 p.m. -- sirens in hall sounded, warning firefighters to evacuate the building

5:46 p.m. -- power restored everywhere on campus except Blair

3:28 p.m. -- fire truck Number 304 began shooting toward the roof

3:45 p.m. -- north side of Blair Hall completely engulfed

5:30 p.m. -- university organizes meeting for emergency response teams

# BLAIR BURNS

## Building destroyed; no injuries, fatalities reported

By Michael Schroeder and Matt Williams  
STAFF WRITERS

Flames raged through Blair Hall Wednesday afternoon, destroying Eastern's third oldest building, resulting in class cancellations for the night and chaos throughout the campus and city.

The roof collapsed onto the building's third story, where stone arches were the only architecture visible because of fire, smoke and water damage. Despite that, officials reported no fatalities or injuries had occurred.

"Although we are deeply saddened by the physical damage to Blair Hall, we are gratified that, at this time, we are unaware of any injuries due to this incident," said President Lou Hencken at a press conference in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. " ... My first thought was 'was anyone injured?'"

Officials had not yet confirmed the cause of the fire, but University Police Chief Adam Due said building service worker crews had been working in the area when the fire started.

According to four American Red Cross workers and an Arcola firefighter, a blowtorch used by workers that afternoon could have caused the fire.

Although the university is currently working on updating sprinkler systems across campus, Blair Hall had yet to receive them.

The university has property insurance on the building, but Hencken expressed grief for something money can't replace.

"There is no insurance possible for the loss of scholarly research the professors lost," Hencken said. "Many professors lost a lifetime of research in 15 minutes."

All classes will be moved to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Hencken said. There will be a sheet in the Union listing where each class will



Charleston firefighter sprays water from an aerial truck on the southside of Blair Hall.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS








SEE FIRE ♦ Pages 6,7

### More inside

♦ Student gives first hand account of reaction to fire

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<b>Today</b> Partly cloudy  75° 58° HIGH LOW	<b>Friday</b> Partly cloudy  75° 61° HIGH LOW	<b>Saturday</b> Rain  68° 43° HIGH LOW	<b>Sunday</b> Few showers  61° 39° HIGH LOW	<b>Monday</b> Partly cloudy  62° 41° HIGH LOW	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly cloudy  68° 50° HIGH LOW	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly sunny  71° 55° HIGH LOW
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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Mike Boksa, owner of Boxa, and another employee carry food to the scene of the Blair Hall fire Monday afternoon. Boxa donated dozens of pizzas and grinders to exhausted firefighters from all over Central Illinois fighting the blaze.

## Blair Hall fire inspires help, destroys irreplaceable items

### Documents to ashes?

Exactly 1,010 external grants on the database, as well as many more internal grants over the past nine years, were possibly lost in the fire.

Professors lost years of research and studies.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said the only grants that will cause a problem are the open grants, which are grants being used now. All grants have back-up files in another building.

All commencement files were moved to Old Main in the past year and were not affected.

Whether or not the Sociology, Minority Student Affairs, Graduate School, Grants and

Research, Continuing Education, International Programs and African-American Studies departments' files were destroyed will depend on each department backing up its own files.

### Pitching in

Both community members and students came together to help firefighters.

In an attempt to nourish the firefighters, Boxa donated 30 large pizzas and 60 grinders, Arby's donated at least 50 cups of coffee and Jerry's Pizza donated four large pizzas and two quarts of Coke to the Red Cross, who distributed the food to the firefighters. Dominos, Pizza Hut, Chubby's Pizza, Papa John's and Pagliai's also donated food. Boxa also donat-

ed a case of 55-gallon trash bags to the Red Cross to assist in clean-up.

Kyle Witter, senior physical education major, along with four other Eastern students, was asked to assist firefighters with removing the fire hose from one of the trucks. "One of the firemen came over and said they needed five able bodies to help with the hose," Witter said. "We pulled the hoses out and gave them a hand."

### In the mean time

Classes that were in Blair Hall will now be held in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Faculty members' offices and phone lines will be relocated to the former Clinical Services building on Seventh Street.



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Firefighters enter Blair Hall Wednesday afternoon to battle the blaze.

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# Students record Blair burning

◆ *Onlookers use phones, camcorders to capture fiery images*

By Matt Williams  
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

As flames emerged from the roof of Blair Hall Wednesday afternoon, students and faculty in the crowd of hundreds on Seventh Street stood in awe with cameras and cell phones attached to their heads.

Many passers-by instinctively grabbed their cameras and camcorders to document the fire engulfing one of Eastern's most historical buildings.

Eric Jensen, senior computer information systems major, said he had just finished taking a test when he saw the blaze. He immediately grabbed for his cell phone, which was equipped with a camera, and began snapping shots.

After minutes of using his cell phone he rushed back to his room at the Millennium apartment complex to get a better camera.

"I ran back really fast to get it," Jensen said. "I took pictures with my phone, but decided it doesn't zoom in good enough."

Scott Clements, sophomore music major, stood with his camcorder on the sidewalk of Seventh Street catching every moment.

"I had to get this because this was a benchmark thing in the college's lifetime," Clements said.

Many other students rushed back to residence halls and apartments for a chance to capture the shocking moment.

Marsha Lawhead, secretary to the university attorney, was home at the time when her husband called to say her place of employment was on fire. She had left for the moment to run some errands and was on her way back to the office.

"I had no idea it was going to be this bad," Lawhead said. "My husband called me on his cell phone and was happy to find out I was OK."

Residents of Park Place Apartments, which is right across the street from Blair, were concerned with the proximity of the fire.

"I had to rush back to close my windows," Ashley Pelichoff, junior elementary education major, said. "I wanted to close them so the smoke wouldn't get in there."

University and Charleston Police Departments worked to clear the way for trucks and firefighters, eventually moving people back beyond the Park Place Apartments on Seventh Street.

The crowd began to clear as the sun set and the fire crews continued working to contain the fire.



Sara Abtaki, a freshman elementary education major, takes a picture of Blair Hall with her camera phone.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

## CLASS RESCHEDULING

### The following classes previously held in Blair Hall

Class Number	Days	Time	Room
SOC 2750-001	TR	8:00-9:15	B-3113
2780-002	TR	9:30-10:45	B-3113
2750-002	TR	11:00-12:15	B-3113
HIS 1500-010	TR	12:30-1:45	B-3113
SOC 3620-001	TR	2:00-3:15	B-3113
SOC 4900-001	TR	4:00-5:15	B-3113
SOC 4000-001	TR	4:00-5:15	B-3113
HST 2270-001	TR	11:00-12:15	B-3113
HST 2000-004	TR	3:00-4:15	B-3113
SOC 2780-001	TR	8:00-9:15	B-2113
3250-001	TR	9:30-10:45	B-2113
3250-002	TR	11:00-12:15	B-2113
4750-001	TR	12:30-1:45	B-2113
3610-001	TR	2:00-3:45	B-2113
3600-002	TR	7:00-9:30 p.m.	
ANT 2200-001	TR	9:30-10:45	B-3159
AFR 1000-001	TR	11:00-12:15	B-3159
2000-001	TR	2:00-3:15	B-3159
3100-001	TR	9:30-10:45	B-3160
ANT 2200-002	TR	11:00-12:15	B-3160
2200-003	TR	12:30-1:45	B-3160
C-ST 1100	R	2:00-2:50	B-3160

### New meeting place

Rathskellar Room
(in MLK Union)
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Rathskellar Room
Rathskellar Room
Effingham Room (in MLK Union)
Effingham Room
Martinsville Room (in MLK Union)
Rathskellar Room
Char/Mattoon Room
(in MLK Union)
Char/Mattoon Room
Char/Mattoon Room
McAfee 1205
Study Lounge E, Union
w/vending
1895 Room (in MLK Union)
Martinsville Room
Martinsville Room
1895 Room
1895 Room
1895 Room
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## State practices criticized

◆ *Illinois believed to have conducted unfair practices in choosing insurance bids*

By Tim Martin and John Jasper  
STAFF WRITERS

Health Alliance Medical Plans believes the state conducted an unfair analysis in taking the five cheapest insurance bids and not looking at other factors like customer satisfaction or provider discounts, said a Health Alliance spokeswoman on Wednesday.

State legislators agreed with the unfairness, and state Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet has since sponsored a house resolution asking that Central Management Services, the state agency in charge of health insurance, reconsider its decision.

When the state announced Friday the five contracts that will cover the nearly quarter-million state employees, Health Alliance was not included and the company immediately filed a grievance in hopes of getting the decision switched.

"We honestly don't understand how they arrived at this decision," said Jane Hayes, vice president for communications for Health Alliance. "I can't really tell you why."

Hayes said the state only looked at the final bottom line amount during its search for new insurance bids.

Becky Carroll, spokeswoman for Central Management Services, previously said benefits and the

quality of the insurance will not decrease for current employees. But frustrated employees bring up the fact that cutting Health Alliance will force them to switch doctors, something many dislike because of the uniqueness of a person or family's medical history.

Approximately 90,000 state employees use Health Alliance, of which, about 50,000 live in areas where their current doctors will not be covered under the new insurance plans, Hayes reported.

Health Alliance users can remain with the same doctors using the state's Quality Control Program — even if Central Management doesn't change their decision — but it costs the state employee and taxpayers "significantly more," Hayes said.

"I was horrified," said Janelle Carey, an associate English professor, who added she has major medical problems and has been with Health Alliance for 15 years. "I'm torn between getting a new doctor who doesn't know me and staying with the doctor I know and paying much higher costs."

Frustrated state employees, legislators, Carle Clinic and Health Alliance representatives will rally in Springfield on Monday morning, followed by a formal hearing later that afternoon in the state's House of Representatives.

Health Alliance covers more than 90,000 current and retired state employees and their families, including approximately 800 at Eastern.

Health Alliance has an exclusive relationship with Carle Clinic in Mattoon.

## Network down, viruses flood computers with messages

By Julie Bourque  
CAMPUS EDITOR

It's the week before finals, and the network is down once again.

Eastern's network has contracted new variants of the Beagle and Netsky viruses, said Chat Chatterji, vice president for Information Technology Services.

According to McAfee's Web site, the Beagle virus is a mass mailing worm that alters the "from" field

in e-mails and makes it appear as if it's from a familiar person. The Netsky virus, according to McAfee's Web site, is a worm that lands in e-mail boxes using a number of different subject lines such as "re: details" or "re: here is the document?"

These viruses have created a "broadcast storm," causing computers to be flooded with hundreds of messages, making the network "sluggish," Chatterji said.

"We are in the process of pushing out the latest Norton update," Chatterji said. "The push is taking a long time because of the sluggishness of the network."

Chatterji said students will be responsible for updating their own Norton programs, but should be notified of Norton's slow Web site.

"One of our staff members went home to get on Norton, but he couldn't because it was so busy,"

Chatterji said. "In some cases, Norton has locked up some PC's upon restart. If this happens, the PC will have to be brought up in safe mode."

Chatterji has asked faculty to shut down their PCs tonight when they leave the office in order to help troubleshoot and isolate the remaining sources of the "broadcast storm."

ITS is working with Housing and Dining Services to see if can

immunize students' computers, Chatterji said.

"We may have to turn off access to the campus network from the dorms until the storms are under control or at a place where computers can survive," Chatterji said.

The network problems are very unpredictable right now, Chatterji said, but he assures he and others will be working late to try to resolve these problems.





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### EDITORIAL

## Universal policy for complaints will build trust

It is disappointing that the faculty senate withdrew a motion to ask Vice President for Academic Affairs Blair Lord to create a universal policy for handling students' complaints about faculty.

Barbara Lawrence, the senate member who proposed the motion, along with Faculty Senate recorder John Allison, who second the motion, withdrew it after gaining a sense the other members were strongly opposed to it.

"There just didn't seem to be a strong desire to do anything about it," Allison said.

Lawrence said the senate members felt they should handle students' complaints on a case by case basis for each department to handle, instead of having a all-encompassing policy. She also said most of student complaints are about grade appeals, which the university already has a policy in place for.

#### At issue

Faculty senate withdrew a motion to create a universal policy for handling student complaints about faculty.

#### Our stance

The faculty senate should reconsider because a policy would help students and faculty.

The faculty senate needs to bring student complaints back onto its agenda. Lawrence will not bring the issue back up because she did not run for another term following her current one, which ends this year. Another faculty senate member needs to keep this issue alive.

Having a policy to handle student complaints would benefit students and faculty. A well thought-out policy would help the faculty address concerns of the students.

Course evaluations are the most common way for students to air their grievances with faculty members. Many students might not know about other options to make their problems known.

Instead of waiting for the end of the semester to make a complaint known, a student could address the problem during the semester and see improvements made.

A complaint policy should make it comfortable for students to make their complaint, but allow for a way to weed out the superficial problems. The policy should have a system of checks and balances so both students and faculty will feel comfortable throughout the entire process of addressing the complaint.

The policy should involve some sort of intermediary arbitrator. If a problem is resolved individually between a faculty member and a student, other faculty and students could experience the same problem without knowing. The arbitrator could help others avoid the problem.

Students need to trust their instructors and an open policy to address problems can only build trust. This is why the faculty senate needs to address student complaints.

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

### OPINION

## Getting out of Blair in time



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While sitting in my African-American class, watching Denzel Washington manage his football team in "Remember the Titans," the smell of smoke filled the air on the third floor of Blair Hall.

Still concentrating on the movie, the room suddenly appeared dark. The class turned around to discover a thick, black cloud hovering outside. I thought it was the smokestacks next to Blair Hall; the rest of the class thought it was another building. Two minutes passed after we noticed the black smoke and sirens were heard down the street.

That's when it finally hit us — it was our building that was on fire. The alarms in Blair went off, and we left the Titans and jetted down the stairs from the third floor. Running down the

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stairs, I noticed people on the other side of the building slowly walking down the stairs. I don't think they knew what we knew. Lucky to make it outside, we walked to one side of the building and saw smoke — the other side, flames. I immediately called my boyfriend to tell him the news because I was freaking out. Of all days, this had to happen on my 21st birthday.

I rushed back to my dorm to tell my friends about the incident, while someone from upstairs in Pemberton was yelling out their window, "Run,

Alicia. Run." I finally reached my room and dropped my stuff off only to find the power in Pemberton Hall was out.

I went back outside to see how the fire was doing and because I didn't want to stay in the hot building of Pemberton. People were coming out of buildings and coming from across campus to see the fire.

I left after a while and people were still crowded around watching. From students and friends, I heard teachers let classes out and most of the campus power was out, including the Union.

I have to admit I was a little scared, but more than anything it shocked me. I'm not sure how it got started, I told everyone. All I know is that I'm happy I got out of the building and my friends were too.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Ganci



### OPINION

## Time to stop and smell the roses



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For the past nine months, I've anxiously awaited this—the end of another school year. Here I am, on the brink of my senior year, realizing the past three have flown by and I haven't given myself much of a chance to enjoy it all.

People claim college years are the best years of our lives. As three-fourths of those years are over, I sincerely hope the "best years" gimmick is some ploy to promote more interest in higher education.

From the time I transferred here until recently, I've given fun, friendship and even rest a back seat to work.

I've dedicated countless hours beyond the call of duty only to be let down, and though I know there are bigger and better opportunities around every corner, I can't help but wonder what I have sacrificed along the way.

For the past three years, I've been a student and an employee, but I've rarely been a person. My true colors have been shadowed by fears of being distracted from some ultimate goal. It's been atypical for me to really express myself, open up to new people or just have fun.

It's gotten to the point where I envy my friends who have jumped out of airplanes and stripped to their skivvies to take a swim in the Kankakee River—not because it is some admirable, prestigious thing—but because it's not.

"It's plain, simple, silly fun — harmless for the most part — and something my borderline perfectionist persona hasn't permitted."

It's plain, simple, silly fun—harmless for the most part—and something my borderline perfectionist persona hasn't permitted.

I don't know the last time I've been entirely happy, and I thought sacrificing those things would be worthwhile but looking back right now all I have are a series of strong efforts. While these may prove as an advantage after I graduate, there is still so much I am missing.

Whereas recently the things I have worked so hard for haven't necessarily gone in my favor, I've been fortunate to find blessings through otherwise unexplored areas. I've made a promise to myself to re-budget my time, permitting a little more opportunity for stopping and getting a whiff of those roses I've heard so much about.

Somewhere amidst unwarranted disappointment in areas where I applied myself and unpredictable perks in areas I've previ-

ously given little attention to, I had an epiphany: No longer am I going to live my life just working toward a destination, but I'm also going to be attentive and appreciative of every facet of the journey along the way.

When I actually engaged in real "girl talk" with my friend about guys, and she said "Carly, it's so good to see you happy, it's been a while," I learned something I couldn't learn through countless lectures—that finding ways to make myself smile needed to move up on the list of priorities.

I had dinner with my best friend and shopped with another friend whom I also really missed. I had an amazing time losing at miniature golf, missing 10 out of 10 free throws and nine out of 10 lay-ups—for once I wasn't thinking about what the thesis for my next paper would be or if I would remember what part of invasion of privacy a prosecutor would have to prove actual malice for in court.

Instead of listening to my four roommates and other friends here have a great time, I joined them for two hours of playing softball in the pouring rain and going to the theater to see a fun girl movie with no real plot, complete with popcorn and giggling.

Anais Nin said "And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was greater than the risk it took to blossom." Before it's too late, I'm going to let my life bloom and take the time to appreciate its beauty.



STUDENT SENATE

# There's a new Berger in town

◆ Former parliamentarian is new speaker

By Jennifer Peryam and Brian O'Malley  
STAFF WRITERS

Ryan Berger was elected as the Student Senate speaker Wednesday, beating two other candidates for the job.

Berger ran against senate members Kyle Donash and Matt Taggart for the position he said he has been waiting to fill for years.

"I have been preparing for this position for two years, and I have the leadership, character and background to be the speaker," Berger said. As the new speaker, Berger wants to establish a student grievance program so students can play a more active role in student government.

He also plans to work with the Internal Affairs Committee to create

more senate outings and use the committee as a watchdog.

Some of the committee changes he plans to implement include using bylaw requirements to push executive agendas.

"Committees need to be doing forums on main student government goals like Recognized Student Organization funding and voter registration," Berger said.

George Lesica ended his term as Student Senate speaker giving each senate member advice, a promise and a challenge in his State of the Senate Address.

Lesica said his advice to the senate was for each member to understand there is more to life than having a title.

"My advice to all of you is to constantly bear in mind the fact that holding an office or having a title

does not make you a leader," he said.

Lesica told senate members any goal can be accomplished if enough work is done.

"My promise to you is that if you are able to complete your goals, your projects, you will come away from this organization with a great sense of pride and accomplishment," he said. "And you will gain knowledge and wisdom that will make your road ahead easier and more productive."

Lesica challenged each member to find a project of interest and work on it and said Eastern has allowed him and the senate members to have an opinion on issues that affect the student body.

"That a group of people such as us, only just beginning our long journey through adulthood, are given such attention and respect is humbling," he said.



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Ryan Berger addresses members of the Student Senate about why he should be named new Speaker of the Senate, which he won Wednesday night.

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# Emotions run high during blaze

## Fire:

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be. Professors whose offices were lost in the flames will be moved to the Clinical Services Building, located southeast of Blair Hall.

Hencken said workers are moving desks in and putting in phone lines and should be finished by the morning.

Hencken, who was in Springfield testifying to the State House for additional funds when he learned of the fire, said Gov. Rod Blagojevich is very concerned with the fire and has promised to assist Eastern as much as possible.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said "We (the state) will do what we can to help you in the weeks and months ahead to cope with this."

## Fire 'had a pretty good start'

The fire, which started on the southeast side of the roof, began shortly after 3 p.m. and blazed into

the night before it was eventually contained around 9 p.m. At press time the fire was contained however, it still had hot spots.

The fire was reported to 911 emergency dispatchers at 3:14 p.m. from an unknown witness.

Charleston firefighters arrived within minutes with fire truck No. 307 applying the first sprays of water around 3:28 p.m.

Fire Chief Darrell Nees said the department had complications with fighting the fire because of a strong north-to-south wind. The fire also "had a pretty good start," he said.

**B o b** Alexander, Mattoon firefighter, said the "bad thing about an old building is when you get the wind; you have old, dry wood that will burn fast when it catches (fire)."

Although Blair Hall has an all stone exterior, the walls and ceiling inside had aged for almost 100 years.

Firefighters from all over the county worked together dousing the fire, which spread through the third floor of the building. Blair, which was built in 1913, is recognized as an Illinois State Historical Society landmark.

Nees said he was very pleased with the cooperative work between the multiple fire departments

ranging from Seven Hickory Township to Ashmore.

"Every time we have asked for help they have given it to us, no questions asked."

Denise Wright, who was one of the first witnesses of the fire, said she was walking outside the building when she noticed smoke coming from the top.

"I went outside and saw smoke coming from the roof and turned to Dr. (Darren) Hendrickson and Dr. (Craig) Eckert, 'the building is on fire,'" said Wright, a graduate student in family consumer sciences.

"We yelled at some kid with a cell phone and told him to call 911."

Several faculty members whose offices were located in Blair were in shock of how quickly the flames burned through their belongings and

*"I have everything in there - all my work, my student's paper, my new computer, my gradebook."*

—Janet Cosbey

class material.

Janet Cosbey, whose office is on the third floor close to where the fire started, said she lost everything.

"I have everything in there — all my work, my students' papers, my new computer, my gradebook," Cosbey said. "I had just left to go downstairs and five minutes later I was told the building was on fire."

Diane Schaefer, who has an office right next to Cosbey, was in her 3 p.m. social problems class on the second floor when the fire alarm sounded.



Students and residents watch the roof collapse in Blair Hall Wednesday. No one

"I actually had money in there, my wallet," Cosbey said. "I know (sociology professor) Reed Benedict had a lot of priceless things in his. But I still have my head and everyone got out safe, which is what's important." Some students who were in class

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was injured in the blaze.

on the third floor at the time of the fire said they were initially unaware of what was happening. "We heard the fire engines

before the alarms in the building," said Brian Montag, junior physical education major. "When I came out of the classroom only

a little bit of smoke was coming out from under the door."

Due said he saw the fire but heard no alarm coming from the



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Firefighters from several departments contain the fire in the late afternoon. Area departments from Lincoln, Hutton, Ashmore, Seven Hickory-Morgan, Mattoon among others came to assist Charleston firefighters battle the blaze.

building.

"I didn't hear it. I pulled the pull box when I went in because I saw the smoke and flames," Due said.

Around 2,000 students, faculty members and Charleston residents watched Blair Hall burn throughout the afternoon.

City Councilman Larry Rennels said the fire was a disaster.

Mayor Dan Coughlin agreed. "It's just sad ... that's where I went to the first grade."

What happens with Blair Hall

now is unknown. There will be a structural engineer doing an initial walk through tomorrow, Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said.

The university will do all it can to keep the building, Cooley added, but if the building isn't safe for students, it will be torn down.

DEN staffers Kevin Sampier, Jamie Fetty, Julie Bourque, Jessica Youngs, David Thill and Jennifer Chiariello contributed to this report

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- 6 Building block
- 11 It's a mess
- 14 Range orphan
- 15 Oscar winner Zellweger
- 16 "This shall pass"
- 17 Hippo tail?
- 18 Zoo for newborns?
- 20 Ceremonial drumstick?
- 22 Suffix with sermon
- 23 Stretch out
- 24 "A Taste for Death" author
- 26 Fall behind in a race
- 31 Police blotter abbr.
- 32 Best friend's dinner, maybe
- 33 Musical selection
- 36 Racing initials
- 39 Liquid (refrigerant)
- 40 By hook or by crook, e.g.
- 41 Plains tribe
- 42 Camera (film festival prize)
- 43 Pounding tool
- 44 Folk singer Seeger
- 45 Cable giant
- 47 Wizard
- 49 1950's Firedomes
- 53 "Charge" missing from 18-, 20-, 55- and 61-Across, and 11- and 28-Down
- 54 "Wishing won't make"
- 55 Plum permit?
- 61 Popular pen pitcher?
- 63 Scamp
- 64 Quirk
- 65 Soccer great Maradona
- 66 Oil holder
- 67 When Can. celebrates Thanksgiving
- 68 Sound some strings
- 69 Nations Unies members

**DOWN**

- 1 Extra: Abbr.
- 2 Extra
- 3 Like a kid at the circus
- 4 Buck
- 5 Deem appropriate
- 6 Florence's river
- 7 Unsuccessful candidate in the 2004 primaries
- 8 Ahead of the pack
- 9 Amish growth
- 10 Sushi stock
- 11 Actuary?
- 12 Nutty cake
- 13 Couples
- 19 Point on a line graph
- 21 Bottom, slangily
- 25 Cookie holder
- 26 Domain
- 27 Blue Bonnet, e.g.
- 28 Athlete worshippers?
- 29 Some spa mixtures
- 30 Issues
- 34 Single-edged knife
- 35 First name in cooking
- 37 Lug
- 38 Equal
- 41 International trade place
- 43 S.F. hours
- 46 Nitwit
- 48 Make do
- 49 Mark of conformity?
- 50 Work \_\_\_\_\_
- 51 Footnote abbr.
- 52 So-called "cradle of civilization"
- 56 Sauce brand
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**Massages available for finals stress**

Bryan Marchione  
STAFF WRITER

Students feeling stressed before finals can get some relief thanks to the Health Education Resource Center.

The center is providing students with an opportunity to get rid of some of the stress they experience before finals by providing a Stress Free Zone.

The program will treat students with different types of massages as well as other services. Free Swedish massages and chair massages are being offered in the "zone."

Aromatherapy products and other special massage products with potential for relieving the stress of finals will also be offered.

"It's important to do something like this," said Rachel Pinson, a professional masseuse, who will be offering her expertise at the Stress Free Zone. "This is the time of year when people get stressed out and receiving a massage is one easy way to relieve that stress."

This is a preview for what is to come next year as the Stress Free Zone will be moved into the Health Education Resource Center, which is located on the third floor of the student resource building.

"You need something that will help you relax as finals approach," Jack Foran, senior journalism major, said. "Whatever services they are offering should be taken advantage of by students."

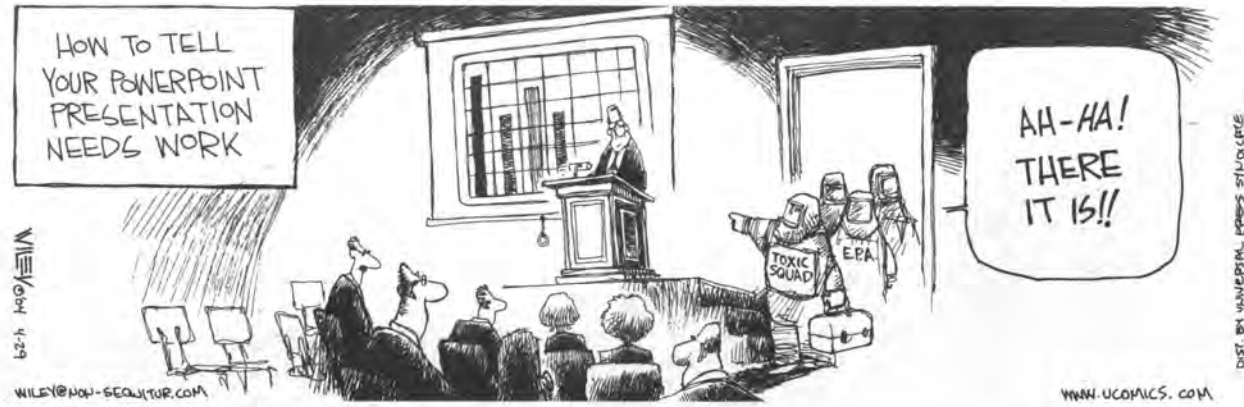
David Heffernan, freshman business major, said "I could go for a massage. The university is showing that they truly care about students by giving them something that will ultimately help in reducing the stress of finals week."

The Stress Free Zone is scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Thursday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Walkway.

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# Gamecocks and Racers win pair of OVC titles

◆ Men finish second to last, women fifth as teams still winless in OVC Tournament

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Jacksonville State and Murray State decided to be selfish with all the awards and honors during the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Gamecock men and Racer women won both the individual medalist honors and the team title at the event today.

On the men's side of the event, a pair of Gamecocks were tied for the medalist honors after the 54-hole event was finished. Nick Mackay and Matias Anselmo decided to share the honor as teammates instead of continuing the event through a sudden-death playoff.

The reason for the tie was Mackay and Anselmo must not have wanted to delay the team party. The Gamecocks took the team title with a final score of 906, four shots ahead of the Murray State Racers who were the only other school in contention going into the final day.

### Mens Standings

- ◆ 1 - Jacksonville State (302-298-306=906)
- ◆ 2 - Murray State (302-304-304=910)
- ◆ 3 - Eastern Kentucky (307-310-301=918)
- ◆ 10 - Eastern Illinois (310-323-318=951)

11 teams in field

### Womens Standings

- ◆ 1 - Murray State (325-315-323=963)
- ◆ 2 - Tennessee Tech (323-328-326=977)
- ◆ 3 - Jacksonville State (327-334-328=989)
- ◆ 5 - Eastern Illinois (352-345-347=1044)

8 teams in field

Jacksonville State has now taken an unusual back-to-back conference championship as they won the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament last season before moving to the OVC in 2003.

Eastern senior Kyle Maxwell teed off early in the day attempting to make the biggest comeback in OVC history to get his first collegiate victory. The Panthers' number one player nearly erased a 12-shot deficit and tied the tournament-low round of 1-under-par 71 to finish alone in sixth, four strokes back. Maxwell started the round bogey, double bogey, bogey and was suddenly 16 strokes back. The Windsor native played the final 15 holes at 5-under-par to finish at 9-over-par 226. The Panther men finished 11th out of 12 teams.

The individual title came down to the final few holes between three players.

2002 OVC individual champion and player of the year senior, Robert Dinwiddie from Tennessee State, held a one-stroke lead as he approached the par-5 18th hole. In the final hole of his college career, Dinwiddie made a triple-bogey 8 to eventually lose the golf tournament by two strokes.

And then the tournament was down to two. Senior Matias Anselmo played the back nine at 4-over-par 40 which included a bogey on the final hole. His teammate Nick Mackay made a late charge toward the tournament title by having one of the best final nine holes in OVC history. The junior played the back nine at 3-under-par 33 which

included a birdie on the 17th and 18th hole to shoot a final round 74 and post a three-day total of 7-over 223.

The leader to begin the day was Murray State's Kyle Shirley but the overnight lead proved too much for the Racer as he shot a final-round 82 which included a pair of triple bogeys and fell to tied for fourth at 226.

Murray State dominated the women's tournament for the opening shot and won the team title by 14 strokes over Tennessee Tech.

Racers senior Nikki Orazine took the individual title by five strokes as she posted a 18-over 234.

Orazine was consistent in all phases of the game by being in the top 10 in every category including par 3, par 4 and par 5 scoring average. Eastern finished in fifth place, one shot ahead of Austin Peay and the Panthers highest finisher was senior Dale Morris who shot a 251 which placed her in 13th by the end of the event.

Both Eastern team's streak of not winning the OVC team and individual title continues for another year as the Panthers have never won the event since joining the conference in 1996.

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Freshman outfielder Katy Steele, Saturday against Jacksonville State, tried to be a catalyst with a two-out double in the fifth inning. The team then failed to score against Tennessee-Martin Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field.

**Soft:**

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decided to walk Short and pitch to first baseman Mandy Lindwall. The usually dependable first baseman, couldn't come through for Eastern though, as she struck out with the tying run on second base. "Today, for the most part, I was proud of how we were able to get runners in scoring position," Searle said. "But it was frustrating because we couldn't get the key hits in those situations."

which Eastern could not come through failed to help out freshman pitcher Heather Hoeschen. Both Hoeschen and Davis completed the game, but it was Davis who ended the game credited with the victory.

But by no means does that mean that Hoeschen was outpitched. In fact, two of the three runs that Hoeschen did give up were unearned, as opposed to Davis whose two runs were both earned.

"You have to give a lot of credit to their pitcher (Davis)," Searle said. "She was overpowering on the mound, but we did a good job getting runners on base. We just

couldn't drive them in."

Hoeschen, however, stuck to the game plan that her coach gave her before the game and followed close to exactly what her coach wanted.

The plan just consisted of getting and staying ahead of the Seahawk hitters in every count.

But the couple of batters that Hoeschen did fall behind were the ones who did the damage.

Freshman second basemen and number nine hitter in the lineup, Fallon Lowery came up with the big hit for UTM. Her hit brought in two runs and made the score 3-1 which was enough to hold up for the rest of the game.

**AP SPORTS**

**Cards fall 3-9 at Busch**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brett Myers has a solution if he continues to struggle in the Philadelphia Phillies' rotation.

For one night, it proved successful.

Ryan Madson bailed out Myers with four innings of one-hit relief in the Phillies' 6-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

Myers has a 7.36 ERA in three starts and he said if it continues he'd expect Madson to replace him.

"I'm going to come around and it had better be soon," Myers said. "Because if not I'm not going to be happy. I'll suggest they put Ryan in there if I keep pitching like this."

For now, the Phillies will stick with the status quo. Manager Larry Bowa said Myers, who has worked on 11 days' and five days' rest this season, will make his next start on

regular rest.

"I think it would be unfair to say he's not starting in five days," Bowa said. "But he's definitely got to improve."

Madson, 23, wasn't about to lobby for a spot.

"It's not up to me," he said. "I'm sure you've talked to Bowa about that and I don't care."

"I'm happy where I'm at right now and I just want to do a good job with my role, like I've always said."

Edgar Renteria had two RBIs for the Cardinals, who fell to 3-9 at home. That's their worst start since they also were 3-9 in 1990.

Pinch-runner Marlon Byrd scored on an infield grounder to snap a tie in a three-run ninth for the Phillies. Pat Burrell had a two-run double, giving him five hits and five RBIs the first two games

**Wood, Baker suspended**

NEW YORK (AP) — Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood was suspended for five games and Chicago manager Dusty Baker for one game Wednesday for confronting umpires during their recent series against Cincinnati.

Wood said he would appeal the penalty, and will continue to play until a hearing is held.

Baker, as manager, is not allowed to appeal. He served his suspension during Wednesday night's game at Arizona.

"This is my first suspension in my entire life anywhere — elementary, junior, high school, college, any team anywhere," Baker said.

The penalties were handed out by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president for on-field operations.

Baker was upset that he had no opportunity to express his side of the story.

"But I guess when Judge Roy Bean makes a decision, it sticks," Baker said. "You have no choice."

Baker said he called home to tell his wife, who explained to their young son, Darren, why his dad wasn't managing the game.

"She told him I was getting a timeout for a temper tantrum," Baker said.

Baker said he was told he was suspended for inciting the crowd to throw things on the field and for obscene language in front of kids.

"I don't swear usually, especially in front of children," Baker said, "so I apologize to the kids and their parents for that action."

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## TWO-POINT CONVERSION

Dan Renick  
ASSOCIATE  
SPORTS EDITOR

## BCS is confusing my bowls

Ever since its conception in 1998, the Bowl Championship Series has been met with resistance. That resistance is about to get a lot stronger.

In February, the BCS agreed to add a fifth bowl game to the National Championship rotation pending market evaluations.

Not a bad idea, I guess. But here's the first problem. They would tie a "host" conference to each bowl game. Great, now the BCS conferences can tighten their stranglehold on college football even further.

Here's the bigger problem. The BCS wants to add a sixth bowl game that will ultimately decide the national champion. What the heck are the first five games for then? That's just going to make things more difficult when what college football needs right now is to simplify. And they don't need to add a game because somebody got jipped out of a title shot this year. True it has happened before, like when Michigan and Nebraska shared a title, but that was because of contracts between the PAC-10, the Big Ten and the Rose Bowl. I don't think they need to go changing the whole system because USC got screwed. This was just a rare occasion where a system put in place, the BCS computer formula, didn't work.

First off, the idea that a computer formula can pick a champion is ridiculous. That has been said a million times already, but throwing in more games and giving closer ties to the five BCS conferences (The Big Ten, The Big 12, The ACC, The SEC and The PAC-10) will only make matters worse.

The PAC-10 has come out with strongest opposition of the changes, which strikes me as very surprising considering USC could have benefited from this system last year when they got snubbed by the BCS. There is also suspicion from conference officials that this is the first step in changing college football to a playoff system.

Many critics of the BCS think a playoff system would be the solution to the corporate takeover that appears headed to the gridiron. On the other hand, I think this will move college football away from its roots and alienate fans even further.

One of my favorite times of the year is college bowl week. I cherish the cold days of winter break when I can huddle up on my warm couch and watch college football for hours on end.

If they take that away from me there will be a price to pay. O.K. I'm just one man and there's nothing I can do about it, but I swear, I won't be happy.

Back to the point, though. I think college football needs to return to the old polls they used before any of this BCS hoopla. There may be some controversy in the old system, but that's part of the game.

I just want to enjoy college football again, like I did before the BCS.

BASEBALL ♦ PANTHERS 8 - REDBIRDS 7

# Nail-biter steadies team



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS  
Senior second baseman Chris Uhle, pictured here against Western Illinois April 6 at Coaches Stadium, started the rally in the ninth inning.

By Michael Gilbert  
STAFF WRITER

After dropping a game Tuesday to the University of Illinois, Eastern resumed its mastery over in-state schools by pulling out a ninth-inning victory against Illinois State Wednesday.

The Panthers broke a 6-6 tie in the ninth by scoring two runs on four hits and then held off the Redbirds' threat to tie the game after they had tallied a run and had a runner on third.

Senior second baseman Chris Uhle started the ninth inning rally with a one-out double down the left field line that helped the Panthers improve to 5-1 against Illinois schools on the season. With Uhle in scoring position, fellow senior Kyle Haines drove home his double play partner with a single to center field to give Eastern a 7-6 lead.

After singles by freshmen Ryan Campbell and Kevin Carkeek, the Panthers picked up a key insurance run when Pete Stone was hit by a pitch to score Haines. Eastern failed to add more damage when centerfielder Marcus Jackson struck out with the bases loaded.

Illinois State came back with its own rally in the bottom half of the inning off Panther reliever Chris Vaculik. The frame appeared to start innocently enough as leadoff hitter Chris Sheperd hit a routine ground ball to second base, but the ball was misplayed by Uhle allowing Sheperd to reach first. Sheperd moved to third on a single by first baseman Jay Molina, and the Redbirds loaded the bags after Vaculik walked Matt Bolt. Illinois State cut the lead in half when designated hitter Lucas Baughman hit a sacrifice fly to right field scoring Sheperd. With two outs and the winning run on the bases, Vaculik struck out Kyle O'Brien to end the ballgame allowing the Panthers to escape Normal with the victory.

After a lackluster performance against Illinois just 24 hours earlier, Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz was quite pleased with the performance turned in by the Panthers.

"This was an excellent game," Schmitz said. "It was important to come back with a win after a disappointing loss [Tuesday]."

A big reason the Panthers were able to pick up the non-conference win was the play of designated hitter Paul Dean. After a three RBI game against the Illini, Dean stayed hot at the plate with a two-run homer Wednesday.

"Paul Dean came up big for us with the home run," Schmitz said. "Earlier in the season he was playing well and wasn't swinging the bat well, but he has answered his

## Game breakdown

<b>8</b>	at	<b>7</b>
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>		<b>Illinois State</b>
(17-22)		(14-23)
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## Batters

Away: Carkeek (4 AB, 3 H, 1 R, 2 RBI), Haines (5 AB, 1 H, 3 R, 1 RBI), Home: Molina (5 AB, 3 H, 2 R, 1 RBI), Whitney (5 AB, 2 H, 1 R, 0 RBI).

LOB: Away 8, Home 9. 2B: Uhle, Carkeek, Stone. HR: Dean, E. Uhle, Haines, Carkeek, Hernandez, Whitney (5), Molina (7), Baughman (10), Kopach (7), Puntney (1).  
Away walks: 2. Away strikeouts: 7  
Home walks: 6. Home strikeouts: 6

## Pitchers

Away: Vaculik (2 INN, 3 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO), Bouchee (2 INN, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO).  
Home: Baughman (4 INN, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2BB, 5 SO), Puntney (2 INN, 3 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO).  
WP: Vaculik (5-1). HLD: None SV: None. LP: Theisen (2-4).

*"It was important to come back with a win after a disappointing loss."*

—Jimmy Schmitz, baseball coach

innings, the Redbirds came back with three in the seventh and one in the eighth to tie the game and set up the deciding ninth inning.

Vaculik pitched the eighth and the ninth to pick up his fifth win against one loss on the season. Illinois State hurler Eric Theisen (2-4) surrendered both runs in the ninth to suffer the loss.

The two teams combined to use ten pitchers and commit ten errors on a day when the wind was blowing out at over 35 mph.

"There was a lot of errors today and we committed four of them," Schmitz said. "The field was hard as could be and it was terrible playing conditions."

But the Panthers (17-22, 10-5 OVC) overcame the elements and will next head into a crucial three-game conference showdown with first-place Austin Peay starting with a doubleheader Saturday.

"This is a big weekend," Schmitz said. "People need to get out of the library and root us on against Austin Peay."

## Game breakdown

<b>3</b>	at	<b>2</b>
<b>Tennessee-Martin</b>		<b>Eastern Illinois</b>
(30-19, 13-7)		(18-31, 6-14)
AWAY: 123 456 789 - R H E		
HOME: 010 200 0** - 3 6 0		
HOME: 100 100 0** - 2 4 1		

## Batters

Away walks: 2. Away strikeouts: 4  
Home walks: 4. Home strikeouts: 4

## Pitchers

WP: Davis (15-7). HLD: None SV: None  
LP: Hoeschen (6-10).

SOFTBALL ♦ SKYHAWKS 3 - PANTHERS 2

# Late rally thwarted in squeaker

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While Blair Hall was ablaze, the Eastern bats were not quite as hot due to Tennessee Martin's pitcher Nicole Davis.

The Skyhawk pitcher limited the Panthers to two runs, while her offense squeaked out a victory by tallying three runs.

The 3-2 game was capped when freshman Sandyn Short, who leads the Panthers in just about every offensive category, struck out on a Davis fastball. Runners, at the time, were on first and second.

But the offensive threat in the bottom of the seventh inning could have done more damage against the Skyhawks if a play had gone their way to start the inning.

To lead off that inning, center fielder Jessica Irps laid down a near-perfect bunt and looked like she had beat the throw to first base. But the umpire disagreed and called Irps out on what became a bang-bang play at the bag.

"There were a couple of plays that just didn't end up going our way like that," Eastern manager Lloydene Searle said. "That's a

tough way to lose a game, because we put pressure on them, but we just couldn't convert when the situation called for it."

Not only was it the bottom of the seventh in which the Panthers failed to drive in runners in scoring position, but just about the same situation occurred in the bottom of the fifth inning.

In that case, freshman outfielder Katy Steele doubled with two outs to the left-center field gap. Then, with first base open, the Skyhawks