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NATION | ILLNESS

Swine flu not in Illinois

Local agencies prepare for possible cases

By **MATT HOPF**
News Editor

Illinois has not seen any cases of the swine flu, but local agencies continue to prepare for cases.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has tested several suspected cases, but none were positive for swine flu.

Dr. Sheila Baker, medical director at Health Service, said students and faculty should familiarize themselves with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations that are linked on Eastern's home page.

"We, as a public health institution, are receiving updates from the state constantly," Dr. Baker said.

She also suggested that people become familiar with the symptoms including fever, cough, body aches, fatigue, headaches and even diarrhea.

Baker said the fevers would be over 100 degrees.

Swine flu could be confused with other illnesses as well.

One of the important things to remember is the sign, and symptoms of swine flu can be similar to other flus and viruses," Baker said.

Ramona Tomshack, infection control practitioner at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, said health workers are looking for people who have traveled to Mexico recently.

"What we are looking for is people who have traveled to Mexico or have been in contact with someone who has been to Mexico," she said.

Nationwide, more than 60 confirmed cases have been reported across five states, but more illnesses that may be linked to the virus are being reported.

Swine flu is suspected to have killed more than 150 people in Mexico.

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CAMPUS | EVENT



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dori Niemann, a teaching assistant, and Jessica Killough, a junior communications major, hold hands as they sing along with Nicole Shoffstall, a senior communications major, who sings out through the megaphone "Going to the Chapel of Love" by The Dixie Cups, at the North Quad for Gender Unplugged, an educational fair on Tuesday.

Unplugging gender barriers

By **SCOTT HEPNER**
Staff Reporter

Walking down the sidewalk of the Library Quad on Tuesday, students were subject to rude and vile comments being screamed at them from a small tent.

Further investigation revealed a full size mirror called "The Queer Mirror" that was peppered with derogatory words and phrases.

The mirror, paired with the remarks from the speaker, emulated the experience of a minority being berated by bigotry and hate.

This portrayal was the intent of students in the Rhetoric of Women communication studies class as part of their "Gender Unplugged" class project.

The students challenged socially constructed gender myths and opened Eastern student's

minds in the process.


"It was nice to see people expand their minds to the different sides of gender," said Justin Schuch, a senior communication studies major and member of the "Gender Unplugged" team.

Along tables lining the sidewalk were pamphlets with information on equal rights opportunities for same-sex families and basic tips for people working with transgendered people.

Students also participated in a mock "Proposition 8" vote where they were asked if they felt gay marriage should be legal in California.

Of the votes, 89 percent supported gay marriage in California.

Adding to the experience was a mock graveyard and YouTube documentary presen-



Log on to DENnews.com for a video of the events during the "Gender Unplugged" presentation given by the Rhetoric of Women class.

tation.

The mock graveyard had wooden crosses marking the death of gay and transgender individuals.

Their stories were printed on the headstones.

One headstone told the account of Matthew Sheppard.

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SPRAY PAINTED PROJECT



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Trevor-Kai Craig, a freshman psychology major, spray paints his project for his intro to art class on Tuesday afternoon outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

UNIVERSITY | MEETING

Faculty Senate places cell phone principle on hold

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

Discussions on the proposed cell phone principle scratched the surface of some faculty discontent with the language in the code at yesterday's Faculty Senate Meeting.

Penned by Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, some faculty had voiced concerns over vague language that seemed ineffective, said Faculty Senate Chair John Pommier.

"We began to toss around comments and it led us to realize that the language of the principle wasn't clear enough," he said.

Lord sent his proposal to Faculty Senate for discussion back in November. The full faculty body was not surveyed on cell phone policies in the classroom.

However, Lord conducted research about other institution's policies to construct the principle.

Lord's proposal states: "Each faculty member has the authority and responsibility to establish the conditions for student cell phone use in his/her classroom, and these shall be specified in the course syllabus. Such conditions are at the discretion of the faculty member, but shall provide that a university-initiated campus security text message can be received and disseminated to the classroom in a timely manner."

Pommier believed that Lord, in his proposal, had no intention to implement his preliminary idea without discussion from a wide variety of faculty.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>73° 58° Partly Cloudy NE 5-10</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>72° 60°</p>
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WEATHER BRIEF
Partly cloudy today with a calm breeze from the northeast. Expect a chance of thunderstorms and showers tomorrow and Friday. Weekend will be nice with highs in the mid to low 60s.
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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Douglas, Stone head back to 'Wall Street'

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Michael Douglas and Oliver Stone are going to show us the money again with a sequel to their 1987 hit "Wall Street."
Douglas is reprising his role as Gordon Gekko and Stone is on board again to direct the sequel, which for now has the working title "Wall Street 2," said 20th Century Fox spokesman Gregg Brilliant. Brilliant said the project is timely and relevant given the state of the world.
"We need to keep the story line under wraps, but it's literally ripped from today's headlines," Brilliant said.
With the economy and financial markets in a tailspin, it will be different times for Douglas' Gekko. In the original film, corporate raider Gekko was a symbol of Wall Street greed and corruption during the boom era of the 1980s.
Gekko has endured because audiences give him the "same kind of respect we've got for the great white shark," Douglas said in an interview Friday with Associated Press Television News for his upcoming life-achievement award from the American Film Institute.
"He's a villain. Gordon Gekko is a great, old-fashioned villain," Douglas said.

las said. "And, interestingly enough, if you look at most actors' careers, their biggest achievement, not necessarily success, but (achievement), is playing a bad guy."
Parker, Broderick expecting surrogate girls
LOS ANGELES — Representatives for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick say the couple is expecting the birth of twin daughters this summer through a surrogate pregnancy.
The "Sex and the City" star and her actor husband are "overjoyed," according to their publicists.
The couple has a son.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Blown-away Chihuahua reunited with owners

The Associated Press
WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight.
Dorothy and Lavern Utley credit a pet psychic for guiding them on Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where 8-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen.
The brown long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise OK.
The Utleys, of Rochester, had set up an outdoor display Saturday at a flea market in Waterford Township, 25 miles northwest of Detroit. Tinker Bell was standing on their platform trailer when she was swept away.
Dorothy Utley tells *The Detroit News* that her cherished pet "just went wild" upon seeing her.

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CITY | ISSUE

No major spike in leaving pets behind

Animal Control sees little abandonment problems by students

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

As U.S. college students head off for summer break, many leave behind newly acquired pets, according to the U.S. Humane Society.

"End of semester dumping of animals is a sad reality," said Brian Sodergren, an issues-consultant for the Humane Society.

Pet abandonment in Charleston also tends to increase slightly near semester's end, said Coles County Animal Control worker Ryan Livingston.

"We're aware that that's a problem," he said. "(We receive) an average of a couple more calls a week (near the end of the semester)."

But pet abandonment is not a big problem in Charleston, Livingston said, adding that the animal control department has strict guidelines for college students who want to adopt animals.

"If a college student is interested in adopting, we not only talk to the landlord and make sure they're OK with it, but we talk to the parents as well," Livingston said. "That alleviates a lot of the problems at the end of the year."

Livingston also said students should remember that adopting or buying an animal is a significant responsibility.

"We ask that they remember that it's a lifelong commitment," Livingston said. "(A pet) is another family member."

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Karen Boyle, a sophomore nursing major, comforts a beagle before putting him back in a cage Tuesday at the Coles County Animal Shelter. Boyle volunteers at the shelter by walking and playing with the animals.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Renewable Energy Center bill assigned

Senate Bill 2009, which would allow Eastern to build the Renewable Energy Center as a pilot project, was assigned Tuesday to the Illinois House State Government Administration Committee.

The bill also received an additional 50 co-sponsors, since State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, introduced the bill in the House Thursday.

The Illinois Senate approved the bill last week in a 50-0 vote.

The \$40-million Renewable Energy Center would be funded through bonds paid back through energy savings.

The center would be built near the intersection of 18th Street and Edgar Drive.

The biomass gasifier would supply the university's heating and cooling needs by burning plant matter.

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

Job Search Clinic today in Human Service Building

Career Services will be hosting a Job Search Clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Room 1301 of the Human Services Building.

Students may get assistance with constructing resumes and cover letters, and receive tips about interviewing.

Gregg lab remains open 24/7 through finals

Students requiring late night computer access can utilize the 24-hour open lab policy at the Gregg Triad Computer Lab during finals. The lab will remain open 24 hours until 10 p.m. May 8.

—Compiled by News Editor Matt Hopf

CAMPUS | EVENT

Open Mic Finals to offer \$200 certificate to winner

Performers enjoyed event throughout semester

By SAMANTHA BILHARZ
Staff Reporter

Two years ago, Sean Tyree decided to participate at Open Mic to get over his stage fright.

"When I first started playing Open Mic's, I'd get really nervous playing for people on a stage, which I wasn't used to in high school," he said. "But now after playing Open Mic for the last two years, being on stage is like being at home."

Tyree will be performing in the Open Mic Finals at 8 p.m. today in 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The finals are for every student who participated in Open Mic throughout the semester.

The audience can expect a range of performances from rappers, comedians, musicians and singers. Some students perform original songs.

The winner of the finals will receive a \$200 certificate to Ticketmaster.

Judging is based on originality, how many people a performer can

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— Scott Chaplinski

bring to the show and their stage presence.

For the students participating, the Open Mic Finals mean more than just winning.

Tyree said he doesn't like to look at Open Mic as a competition. He likes to look at it as a way to have fun and as a way to network.

He said he likes the atmosphere of playing at Open Mic.

"Open Mic to me is more personal compared to playing a show at a bar," he said. "I get a little more nervous playing Open Mic because usually, I'm playing by myself rather than with a band."

For Scott Chaplinski, the true prize at Open Mic is just getting the opportunity to perform and being able to meet so many great people along the way.

"Winning is more than impressing a few judges or the crowd," he said. "I have met a lot of people through functions such as this,

and that's the truest prize I could ask for."

Chaplinski has performed at Open Mic for three years now. When he first started performing at Open Mic, he would perform with his friends, and they would sometimes be the only people there.

His experience now is a different one.

Chaplinski now arrives early just to get a chance to play because so many people want the opportunity to perform.

He said he sees Open Mic as a way to network with musicians, a way to play his music and a way to meet many different people.

"I'll play for an audience any time," he said. "New people means my old songs are fresh. I've met a lot of people through Open Mic and started networking with all sorts of musicians."

Chaplinski has performed for many years at bars, coffee shops,

outdoor events and at Eastern.

This event, sponsored by University Board Main Stage, began last year because Matt Caponera wanted students to have an opportunity to win Open Mic one last time.

"The audience can expect great talent along with great music," said Lauren Phillips, UB mainstage coordinator. "I expect people to come out to show their support to their fellow students and friends."

A total of 10 performers can sign up for the finals, but so far only five students have.

The number of songs students can perform depends on how many students register.

With five students signed up, the students can perform anywhere from three to four songs.

Tyree said the first song he plans to perform at the finals is "Bang Bang" by Dispatch, followed by "Sweat Pea" by Amos Lee.

Chaplinski said if he could only perform one song at the finals, he wants to play a song he wrote with a friend called "Sweet Lady." In addition to the original song, he would probably play a classic 12-bar blues.

Samantha Bilharz can be reached at 581-7942 or at DENnewsdesk@gmail.com.

BLOTTER

David Dineff, 23, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 4:04 a.m. Saturday arrest in the 700 block of Seventh Street, said the University Police Department.

A theft from a vehicle was reported Friday in the W parking lot located off Fourth Street, police said.

Brian Askew, of Mattoon, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 1:07 a.m. Sunday arrest on Route 16 at 1400 East County Road, police said.

A window was reported damaged on Saturday at Stevenson Tower Dining, police said.

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HEATHER HOLM

Internships should be No. 1 priority

Once the final papers, projects, tests and finals are done, a lot of students think it is time for fun and games and maybe a summer job for some extra cash.

They really should be preparing for their futures, though.

Students should look into getting internships for the summers during their college years, so they can have a better chance to get a job when they are competing for jobs in their market.

Even though not all internships can pay right now because of the economy, students should be looking for more experience instead of a paycheck.

And there are a number of different internships out there.

Political science majors can work for the offices of political figures in their town, helping them with the campaigns and doing paperwork for them.

Theatre arts majors can work for wandering theater troupes or gain experience by trying out for children's theater or productions that are being put on in their town.

Journalism majors can get jobs writing, editing or designing.

Students who want to become doctors or nurses can get jobs helping out at local hospitals.

The options for any major really are endless and businesses are willing to help students who want a little extra experience.

If an internship is unattainable, even doing extra volunteer work at places could help someone later on in life.

Whether students decide to go to law school, medical school, graduate school or put his or her foot into the scary abyss of the so-called "real world," a little experience in what they plan to do as an adult (however scary that word may be) would not hurt.

Jobs look not only at grade point averages, but at organizations college graduates were in during college and what experience they have had in the field.

Students should look early and often for internships or volunteer work and should start as early as their freshman or sophomore year of college.

Anyone can find work in their field by looking online, in a newspaper or simply calling around.

People should not take their futures lightly.

Students should start looking for extra work today to help further their careers and chance of getting a job in the frightening "real world" or they might be left in the cold.

When Eastern graduates find themselves looking for a job with someone in the same position when they enter the job market, the little extra help they did or internship they held could help put them over the edge in attaining that job.

And everyone wants a job when they get out of college, right?

This just makes getting that job a little easier.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Tuition increases unpopular, but necessary for Eastern

"Fiscal responsibility."

At some point, you have heard the phrase applied to your college life from relatives and professors, but the meaning doesn't really sink in until you find yourself diving head first into the world of finances and bills that come with college.

Pile all that on top of student loans and tuition and it seems nearly impossible to have any money to spend on yourself.

You're urged to create budgets to better allocate your funds so you don't go bankrupt by sophomore year.

Just as you are urged to watch your money and spend carefully, so is Eastern.

The Board of Trustees approved a \$21 per credit hour increase on incoming students' tuition Monday.

A tuition increase from \$218 per hour to \$239 per hour doesn't seem like much, but it adds up in the long run.

For students currently enrolled, this doesn't mean anything, as the Truth in Tuition Act maintains that they pay the same rate as when they entered college.

But it means more money for freshmen entering Eastern in Fall 2009.

Tuition increases are among the most unholy phrases that can send a student into a state of panic, prompting fear and outrage that the university would dare ask for more money.

After all, haven't you given enough?

Aren't those tens of thousands of dollars – money you will most likely be paying back until you're middle-aged – good enough for Eastern?

The truth is, it isn't. Look around you.

Today's economic climate, as we all know, is in dire straits.

"Tuition increases are among the most unholy phrases that can send a student into a state of panic, prompting fear and outrage that the university would dare ask for more money."

This causes state universities to increase fees in order to maintain a steady budget, allowing them to continue allocating funds to their respective departments.

That includes Eastern.

On top of an ailing economy, Eastern strives to maintain a high standard of living for its students, so resident halls, dining halls and everything in between must be kept in good condition.

And what about faculty and staff?

If the university doesn't have enough money to pay its workers, it will be forced to resort to layoffs, a situation no one ever wants to see.

Tuition increases are unpopular and a hassle, but they're necessary if any university wishes to give students, faculty and workers the best academic atmosphere possible.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of *The DEN* editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail.com.

OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

AMERICA IS ON A BOAT, RIDING CURRENTS

MARSHALL U. — Ronald Reagan called America a "city on a hill." That means the city is stationary, as it resides on a hill. I believe many Americans agree with Reagan, which is what causes such a shock when change happens in America.

I prefer to think of America as a ship at sea. We move with the ocean's current, but we are a strong ship. We do move with the winds of change. It is called progress. Sometimes we end up in waters that we don't want to be in, such as the war in Vietnam or Iraq, but when we are there we must make the best of the

winds given to us.

The world has grown small. Information, technology and the ability to travel means we can no longer remain on a hill for those to look at from afar, but not effect us. We are growing. America has been changing at a rapid pace since Reagan.

America has made errors in the last 200 years, but we have changed the world. America used ballots not bullets when the winds of change swept our nation. When ballots did not work and bullets were used, we ended in peace and welcoming arms to our brothers of the south. There is little doubt that America is an example to the rest of the

world. It isn't necessarily for the reasons you might think. America has not always been a free society. America has not always fought for justice. America has had a rough path and in some ways rougher than many other nations from an ideological standpoint.

No matter what our past, the future of America is bright. No matter what party leads, no matter what man or woman sits as President, America will prevail to bring hope to the world. I am thankful to be an American, and I am thankful to be here with all of you.

Jay Roudebush
The Parthenon

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» Unplugging

FROM PAGE 1

Sheppard was beaten and left for dead in Wyoming because of his sexual orientation.

Then, the local Baptist church protested his funeral.

The YouTube presentation showed images of young men and women who were victims of hate crimes because they were gay, lesbian or transgender.

"I was very impressed by the project's displays, and I'm very grateful for the dialogue they created on our campus about gender," said Stephani Pescitelli, a junior environmental biology major, as she looked at the photos of transgender individuals that covered the walls of the exhibit.

The photos were coupled with quotes from feminist scholars that challenged the social construction of gender.

"(Gender Unplugged) was great overall and it seemed to get a positive reaction from the Eastern community as we accomplished all of our goals," said Kevin Wick, a senior communication studies major and a creator in the project.

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» Cell phone

FROM PAGE 1

The senate, which had the intention to motion for acceptance of the above principle on Monday, decided to table the proposal, or postpone a decision.

"We received some e-mails from faculty members who had read the principle and had some concerns," Pommier said.

The senate devised an ad-hoc committee that will work together with Lord to develop a "clearer" message for the faculty.

They will continue the dialogue until the senate's summer meeting date, July 23.

Members Dawn Van Gunten and Ruth Hoberman actively voiced some concerns on the policy.

Senate member John Best said he was in favor of a dialogue for the principle, but generally had no comment himself.

Pommier said that the Faculty Senate ultimately arrived at a decision to work on the language.

"We need something we can all agree on within the legal parameters, meaning we must ensure that students can receive their safety text alerts," Pommier said. "The committee will create language we can all agree on."

In other items, the senate committee also elected their board members.

Pommier was re-elected as chair. Van Gunten was elected as vice chair and John Coit was elected as recorder.

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— John Pommier, Faculty Senate Chair

» Swine flu

FROM PAGE 1

There were no probable cases in Illinois as of Tuesday, IDPH spokeswoman Melaney Arnold told *The Associated Press*.

Any cases the IDPH thinks are probable incidents of swine flu will be sent to the CDC for confirmation.

"The best thing to do if you are coming down with the symptoms is to contact your

MORE INFORMATION

- www.eiu.edu/~health/clinc/info/swineflu.php
- www.co.coles.il.us/cchd/index.html

health care provider," Tomshack said.

Gregg Baker, emergency response coordinator for the Coles County Health Department, said people should practice basic hygiene including washing hands and sneezing into a tissue or shirt sleeve.

He said the health department has been working with Sarah Bush and Health Service to get information out about the swine flu.

"We don't know if this is the big one or not," Gregg Baker said.

He suggested if people show symptoms, they should stay home or see their doctor.

Editor in Chief Kristina Peters and *The Associated Press* contributed to this report.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Speaker elections scheduled for last meeting

State of the University, Senate Addresses also on agenda

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government-Editor

Tiffany Turner and Jarrod Scherle will be running for Student Senate Speaker at the final Student Senate meeting of the academic year at 7 p.m. today.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin said only Turner and Scherle are running to his knowledge. He said if there were a third candidate, that it would be a surprise because candidates announce their interest early.

Turner, student vice president for business affairs, said she is starting student teaching in the spring and was not quite done being a leader on campus this fall.

Turner brings experience to Student Government.

"As speaker, I would offer knowledge of Student Government with six semesters," Turner said. "I have been a senator and executive, so I think I could bridge that gap. I think I got personality to continue to bring to the senate and

get out to the students more."

Scherle, a third semester senate member, has served as Residence Hall Association president and was elected this April to continue serving as a senate member. Scherle said his main goal is making the senate more effective for the benefit of the student body.

"I'd like to see more projects come out of the committees," Scherle said. "I will keep a closer eye on the committees, making sure they are producing key, viable results like tangible projects for the students."

Turner said to improve Student Senate's image, she wants to implement the campus constituency involvement bylaw change passed at the April 15 meeting.

"I want to bring senators to various organizations on campus," Turner said. "I think it is important we do what we say we want to do, but actually find ways to do so."

Scherle said the speaker has to meet with the committee chairs at the Council of Chair meetings. There, he would help them gain ownership of their projects to foster initiative. He would use this influence as a stepping-stone for guiding the committees to work effectively.

"I want to fully realize the senate's potential of leadership," he said.

"I'd like to see more projects come out of the committees."

— Jarrod Scherle, Student Senate member

Scherle said he wants a better working relationship with *The Daily Eastern News* for an accurate portrayal of the senate and provide more open forums in the Grand Ballroom to improve Student Government's image with students.

Other agenda items include the State of the Senate Address and the State of the University Address. Griffin will deliver the Senate Address while Student Body President Levi Bulgar will present the University Address.

"It will be a brief recap of the senate's highlights this semester, some of the things I think we changed for the better, and I might even give my opinion on where I think the senate should go after I leave," Griffin said of his speech.

A bylaw change for the Housing Committee will be voted on.

"RHA is supposed to represent the students in university housing right now," Griffin said. "The bylaw change seems to make the committee a liaison of RHA."

Griffin said the Housing Committee might become a one-man entity. Other duties like the Off-Campus Housing Fair of the committee will be passed off to External Relations.

University Board Chair Mike Usher said the UB constitution would be updated at a consent agenda vote. He said there have been some inconsistencies fixed.

"We are keeping it pretty much the same," Usher said. "There are a lot of things outdated, like how we don't have *Amp Magazine* anymore as a UB entity, or how much we pay our coordinators."

Coordinators are now paid \$125 a month, instead of the \$75 stated in the constitution.

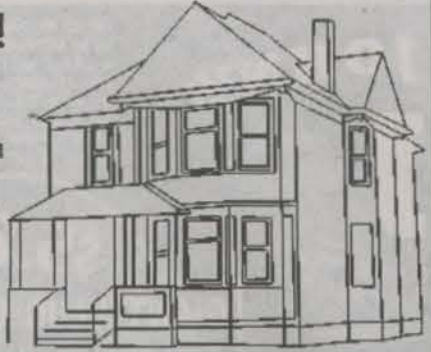
The UB coordinators also cannot win any prizes at events anymore. Usher said this was a problem in the past and the right is forfeited because coordinators are student leaders.

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STATE | ROUNDUP

Alderman says art museum must increase its free days

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A member of the Chicago City Council is attempting to use a 118-year-old contract to increase the number of free admission days at the Art Institute of Chicago, while the museum plans to raise entrance costs.

The Chicago Park District Board last month approved an increase in the museum's admission cost, from \$12 to \$18. In response, Alderman Ed Burke considered cutting off free water and other public subsidies to museums with admission charges of more than \$10.

Burke now said the institute is bound by a 1891 agreement with the city requiring the museum to offer two and a half free admission days. The institute currently offers free admission during February, on Thursday nights and some Friday evenings.

IDOT traffic division moving to Springfield site

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Transportation's traffic safety division has picked a new site in

Springfield, meaning about 140 workers won't have to move to southern Illinois. The division notified workers Tuesday that they'll instead occupy new quarters in a building the state plans to buy on the city's north side.

Alka Nayyar, spokeswoman for the Department of Central Management Services, said the move will save the state \$1.7 million a year.

Nayyar could not immediately say how much IDOT will pay in rent but it will go toward purchasing the building. The Environmental Protection Agency already is headquartered in the former watch factory.

The move will occur by the time the current lease expires Sept. 30, IDOT spokeswoman Paris Ervin said.

"We're pleased to learn we're getting out of an expensive lease and moving to a cost-effective location in Springfield," Ervin said.

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FROM PAGE 12

Carrie Daniels, the second-year Austin Peay coach, holds the honors of being the coach that ended Galligan's Eastern career when her Lady Gobs beat the Panthers in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship in double overtime March 7.

Daniels was not always so fortunate against Galligan, however, as the OVC Tournament Championship game victory was the only time the Lady Gobs have been victorious against the Panthers during Daniels' tenure.

She said when talking about Galligan, the first word that comes to her mind is "presence."

"She is such a tremendous talent, and one that the OVC will miss," Daniels said. "She wanted the basketball and didn't shy away from anyone or anything."

Tara Tansil-Gentry has seen her teams compete with the Panthers since Galligan was a freshman.

The fifth-year Tennessee-Martin head coach said a really simple phrase comes to find when she thinks of Galligan's career.

"I'm glad she's gone," she said.

Tansil-Gentry was one of the few coaches whose teams were successful at stopping Galligan this season.

Thanks, in part, to the play of all-conference 5-foot-10 forward Phyllisha Mitchell, Galligan managed only 10 points and eight rebounds in the teams' first meet-

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 2009: Rachel Galligan (Basketball, Track)
- 2008: Rachel Galligan (Basketball, Track)
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- 2002: Beth Liesen (Soccer)
- 2001: Jeanine Frederick (Soccer)

ing Jan. 24, and 17 points and two rebounds in the second meeting Feb. 19.

The Panthers still won both of those games, and Tansil-Gentry said the goal against Galligan was always to just limit her touches and keep her off the block, something that even if successful, still didn't always stop her.

"We would try to keep her three feet off the block," Tansil-Gentry said. "But even if we were able to get her out there, she still shot the ball well from there."

The accolades for Galligan are aplenty, but rarely does one here such high praise from opposing coaches. It's a testament to the season Galligan had, the career she had over four years at Eastern and the respect she has garnered.

It is for those reasons that Galligan is the 2008-2009 *Daily Eastern News* Female Athlete of the Year.

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Cusack

FROM PAGE 12

That's my list, although there are plenty more that were in consid-

eration. I for one am just looking forward to another year of Eastern sports.

Dan Cusack can be reached at 581-7944 or at dscusack@eiu.edu.

OTHER FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR CONSIDERATIONS

Samantha Manto, Senior - Rugby, Track

Manto led the Panthers to a 10-0 record, their first undefeated season since 2002. She will leave the program as the record holder in points (665), tries (133) and runs of more than 20 yards (113).

She qualified for the 60-meter hurdles finals and helped the distance medley team finish second at conference for track.

Kandance Arnold, Junior - Track

Arnold won the 20-pound weight throw at the Ohio Valley Conference meet.

She also won the shot put at the OVC meet as the Panthers took their second indoor title in school history and third team title overall.

Arnold's weight throw attempt at the meet was also a school record.

Amber May, Sophomore - Softball

May helped the Panthers get off to a 7-0 start and win the New Mexico State Tournament Classic Title.

She earned OVC Pitcher of the Week honors that week.

She has a 17-15 record, and she sports a 1.91 ERA. Her 179 strikeouts this season rank second all-time in a single season.

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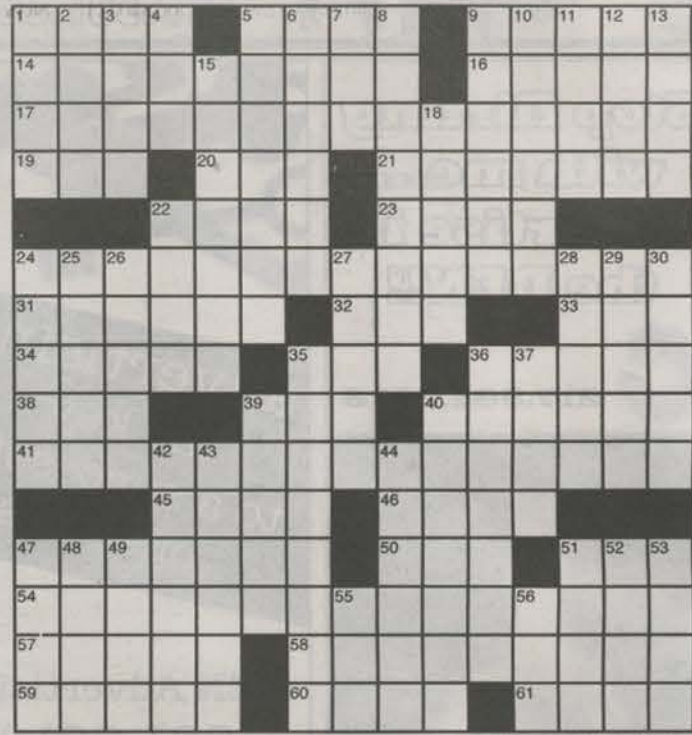


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- 1 Tree trunk
 - 5 Some HDTVs
 - 9 Heartbreaker who's "back in town" in a 1980 Carly Simon hit
 - 14 Feature of mesh fabrics
 - 16 The Carolinas, e.g., to the French
 - 17 Debugs computer programs, e.g.
 - 19 Two of racing's Unsters
 - 20 Neighbor of B.C.
 - 21 San ____, Marin County
 - 22 La ____, Tar Pits
 - 23 Bird feeder fill
 - 24 Responds to rashes
 - 31 Like Papa Bear's porridge
 - 32 Collect splinters, so to speak
 - 33 Tuskegee's locale: Abbr.
 - 34 Nutmeg State sch.
 - 35 Ore suffix
 - 36 "What ____" ("Ho-hum")
 - 38 Rap sheet entries, for short
 - 39 Messenger ____
 - 40 Record label owned by Sony
 - 45 Cellular construction
 - 46 Overlook
 - 47 One of the Leeward Islands
 - 50 Hesitant sounds
 - 51 Mexicali Mrs.
 - 54 Lines up the sewing
 - 57 Coral creation
 - 58 Blood type historically considered the universal donor
 - 59 Only beardless Disney dwarf
 - 60 Have a knish, say
 - 61 Orbiting telescope launcher
- DOWN**
- 1 Florida city, for short
 - 2 Australian gem
 - 3 "Sure, why not?!"
 - 4 Business letter abbr.
 - 5 Return to one's seat?
 - 6 Quarter of Algiers
 - 7 Batter's fig.
 - 8 Ethiopia's Haile ____
 - 9 Glitterati



PUZZLE BY JERRY E. ROSMAN

- 10 Blah, blah, blah, for short
- 11 Satirist Mort
- 12 Skier's turn
- 13 Gas brand in Canada
- 15 Prestigious business school offering
- 18 Umiak passenger
- 22 Road, in the Rheinland
- 24 Speech spot
- 25 Tiramisu topper
- 26 Place to rule
- 27 Business sign abbr.
- 28 Like Siberian winters
- 29 Give a lift
- 30 Long tales
- 35 What oysters "R" during "R" months
- 36 Da Vinci or Michelangelo, to Romans
- 37 Wordsmith's ref. offering
- 39 Florenz Ziegfeld offering
- 40 Set a lofty goal
- 42 Raw material for Wrigley's, once
- 43 To a great degree
- 44 MapQuest offerings
- 47 Make ____ dash
- 48 Brussels-based alliance
- 49 'Vette roof option commonly
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SOFTBALL | EASTERN AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Final week begins on the road

Panthers try to snap losing streak

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Sports Editor

This is a big week for the Eastern softball team.

The Panthers are closing out the season with four Ohio Valley Conference games and look to snap their 10-game losing streak.

That stretch to make the OVC Tournament begins at 5 p.m. today with a single game at Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"I really don't think of it as a 10-game losing streak," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "I think we're playing much better than we were."

Part of that comes from the work of Eastern sophomore pitcher Amber May. May gave up only seven runs in 20 innings of work against league-leading Jacksonville State, a squad that averages more than five runs a game.

Of those seven runs, six runs were scored off home runs.

NOTES

• After Eastern's game against Southeast Missouri, the Panthers play Austin Peay, the last place team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

• Jacksonville State, Morehead State, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Martin have all earned berths for the OVC Tournament.

May also had 19 strikeouts in three games.

The Panthers (24-24, 8-11 OVC) have given up only nine runs in the past three games, but they run into a Southeast Missouri team (23-19, 12-8) that has won 11 games in row, including two against Eastern Thursday at Williams Field.

Southeast Missouri won 6-2 and 11-3 in six innings.

"We're just going to stick together, keep working together to get out of it," said Eastern sophomore first baseman Melinda Jackson. "Even though we were down in the slumps right now, we've got to stay together."

Jacksonville State has already won the regular season and will host the tournament. Second place Morehead State has clinched a berth along with third place Southeast Missouri and fourth place Tennessee-Martin.

Schuette doesn't want any pressure on her team, and she wants them to stay relaxed and play the game.

Two of the last five games between SEMO and Eastern have been decided by one run, with the Panthers posting a 1-1 record in those games.

But last season the Panthers lost both games at Southeast Missouri before winning the final game of the series against the Redhawks.

"We have some payback for them," Schuette said. "We've got to see what happens first, tomorrow."


After the SEMO game, Eastern concludes the regular season with a three-game series against Austin Peay Saturday and Sunday in Clarksville, Tenn.

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Eastern sophomore Amber May pitches against Jacksonville State Sunday at Williams Field. The Panthers look to snap their losing streak.



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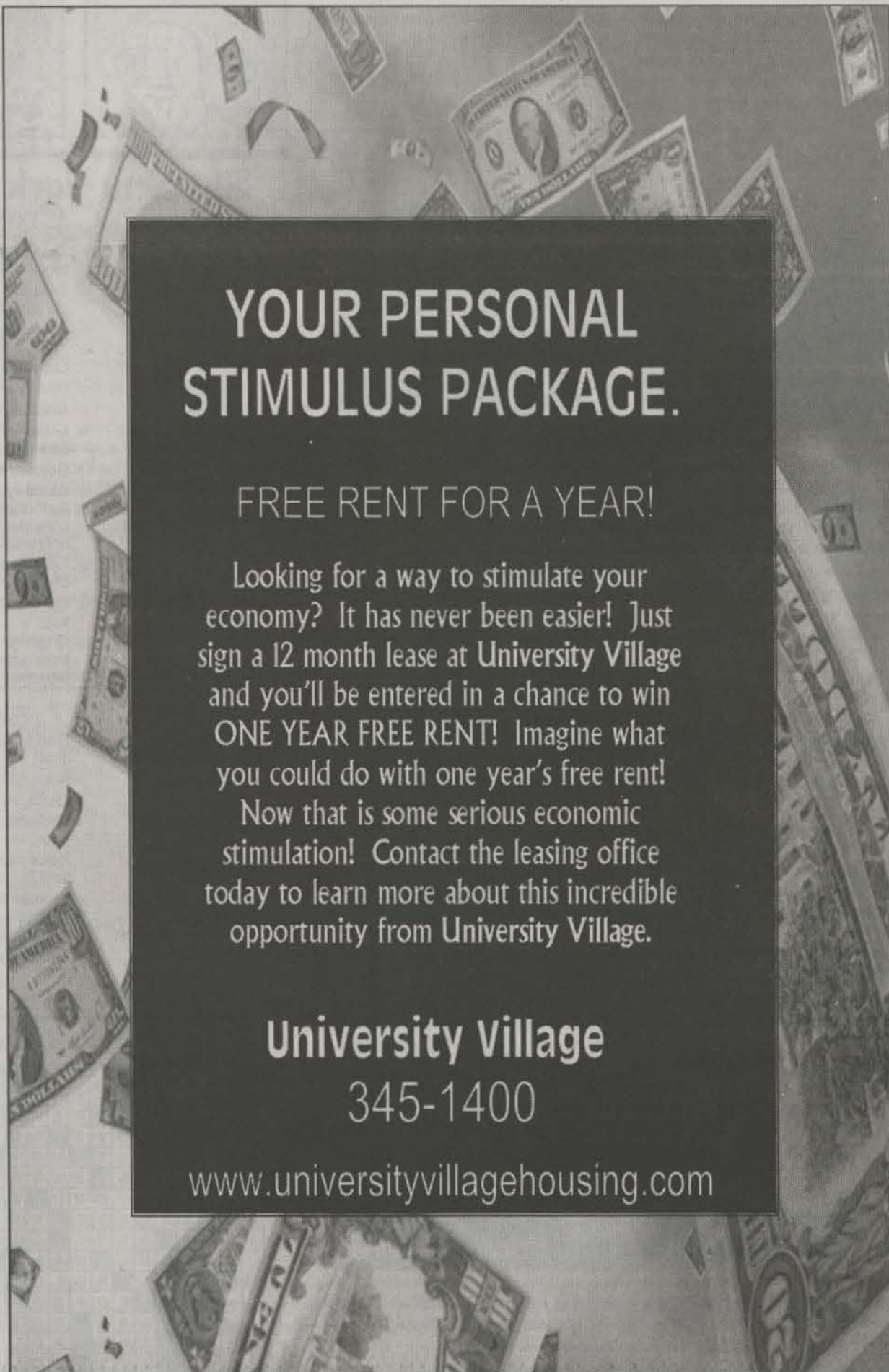
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MEN'S GOLF | UPDATE

Panthers move up in team standings

Bird, Parrodi post top scores

By **NEIL SCHNEIDER**
Staff Reporter

One day after struggling through the first 18 holes of golf due to missed putting opportunities and gusting winds, the Eastern men's golf team rebounded with 19-over-par in the second round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The Panthers jumped from ninth place to eighth place with Tuesday's score, which is only six strokes behind seventh place Tennessee Martin.

As a team, the Panthers improved by 13 strokes from their first day 32-over-par score to give them a two-day total of 51-over-par (627 strokes).

On day one of the tournament, sophomore Francisco Cherizola led the way with a 3-over-par, but during day two's competition,

Cherizola shot an 11-over par that dropped him from 11th overall into a tie for 33rd overall.

Despite the day two struggles of Cherizola, all four other Eastern golfers improved upon their day one scores.

Senior Matt Davis improved on his first day score of 10-over-par, with a posting of a 6-over-par score. Junior Lucas Mannix shot an 11-over-par, which was a five-stroke improvement from his first round score, while fellow junior Matt Bird shot an impressive 1-over par.

Bird improved his second day score by 11 strokes and posted the same second round score as freshman teammate Gino Parrodi.

Eastern golf head coach Mike Moncel said once again the Eastern squad struggled with the speed of the greens, but Moncel was impressed with the way Bird was driving the golf ball.

"Matt (Bird) made 17 out of 18 greens on drives," Moncel said. "He really has come a long way in

three years, but he just had a few putts that wouldn't fall."

Like Bird, Parrodi finished day two with a score of 1-over-par, which was an improvement from his 7-over-par first round performance.

Parrodi said he really wanted to improve on his first day performance, while still working on his putting opportunities.

"I felt that I played pretty solid," Parrodi said. "I didn't have a good first round because I missed some putts. I missed some putts today, but I felt that my striking and long-range driving improved."

Parrodi began the second round of golf by playing even through the first nine holes that included a birdie on the eighth hole, followed by a bogey on the ninth. Parrodi then bogeyed three holes on the back nine, but countered with birdies on the 11th and 17th holes.

Moncel said Parrodi's second round performance was a typical steady performance for Parrodi.

"This was only an average day

DAY TWO RESULTS

1. Murray State - 585 (+9)
2. Austin Peay - 590 (+14)
3. Jacksonville State - 594 (+18)
4. Morehead State - 598 (+22)
5. Eastern Kentucky - 600 (+24)
6. Tennessee State - 615 (+39)
7. Tennessee-Martin - 621 (+45)
8. **Eastern Illinois - 627 (+51)**
9. Tennessee Tech - 630 (+54)

Eastern golfers

18. Gino Parrodi - 152 (+8)
31. Matt Bird - 157 (+13)
33. Francisco Cherizola - 158 (+14)
35. Matt Davis - 160 (+16)
43. Lucas Mannix - 171 (+27)

Second round begins today at 8 a.m.
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for Gino because he has performed so consistently this season," Moncel said. "He really has been steady all season."

Parrodi was named to a member of the 2009 OVC All-Newcomer Team.

Heading into the final day of competition, Moncel said he would like to see a consistent performance from all five members.

"We have been getting two or three players perform well, but a few have stumbled during this time," Moncel said. "I would just like to see all of the EIU golfers put up a consistent performance."

Murray State still leads the field with a 9-over-par team performance (585 strokes). The Racer shot an 8-over-par today, and leads second place Austin Peay by five strokes.

Jacksonville State sophomore Gonzalo Berlin and Morehead State senior Lee Chaney lead the field with a 2-under-par 142-stroke count.

Today's final round begins at 8 a.m.

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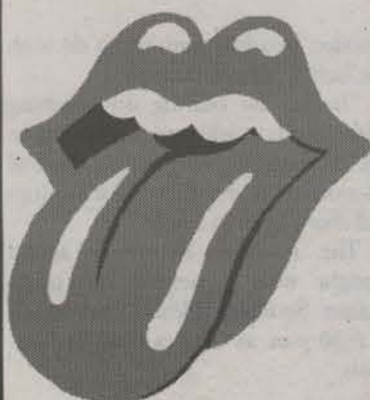
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FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | RACHEL GALLIGAN

The ultimate compliment

Galligan's accomplishments noticed by her rivals

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

What would be the ultimate compliment to Rachel Galligan?

Sure, praise by one's peers, coach, or even the student newspaper is nice.

We've been there, heard that.

But what form of praise could be more sincere than that of someone's opponent?

The people who game planned day in and day out to stop her from being the most dominant player and the 2008-2009 *Daily Eastern News* Female Athlete of the Year on the court on a given night.

The people who spent late nights in the office thinking of ways to prevent her from getting her 20 points, 10 rebounds, but most often failing to do so.

To Galligan, that type of praise is truly unique.

"I always thought it was really special anytime people are saying good things about you," she said. "Especially when it's coming from people who are not necessarily on your side. People who are rivals and people who you play against. It's so special to gain their respect."

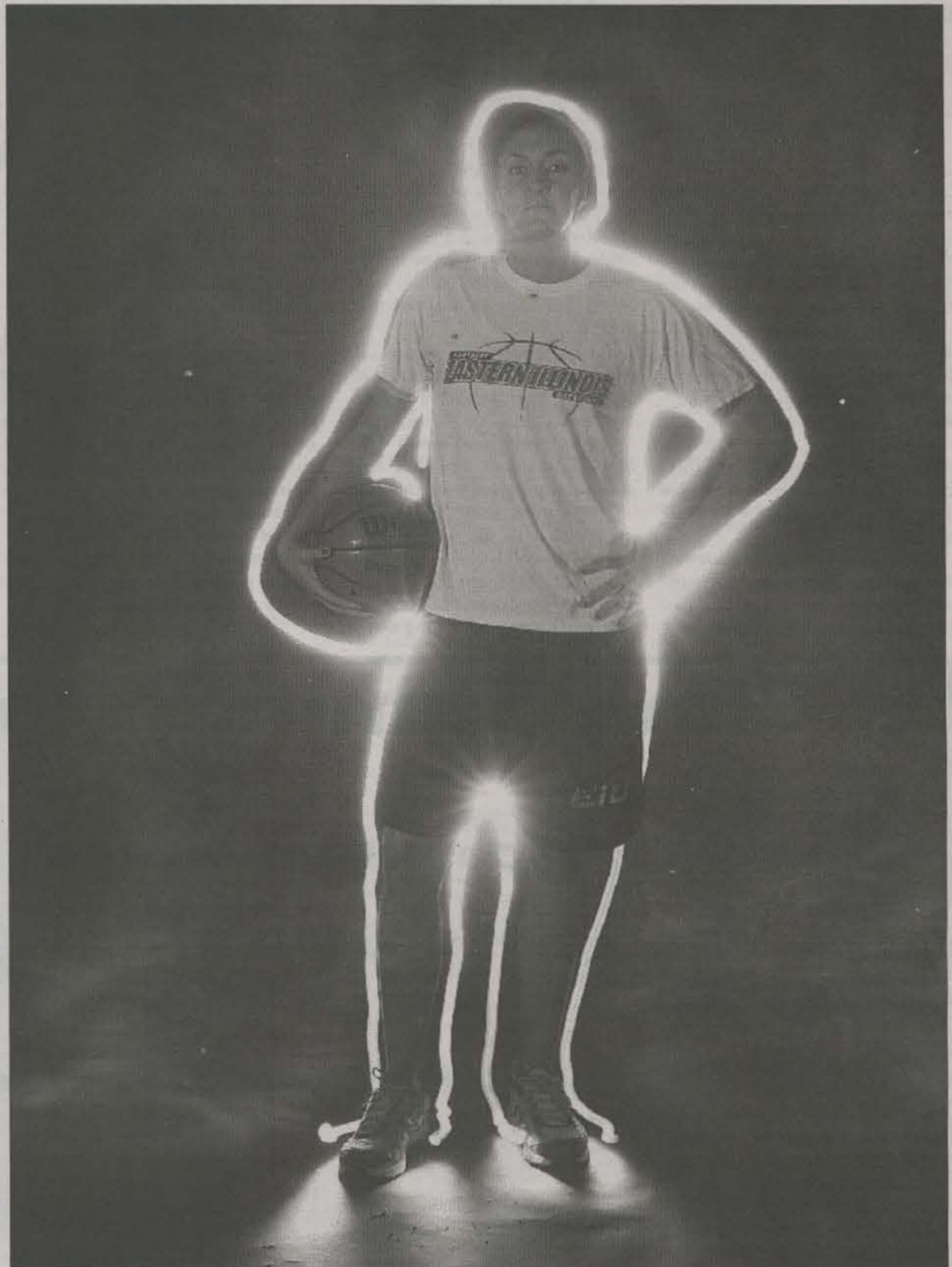
Mike Bradbury became the head coach at Morehead State before the start of Galligan's senior year and noticed her presence immediately.

He said he saw her willingness to be coached as one of the most unique traits about her game.

"Her consistency made her very hard to coach against," he said. "She very rarely had an off night."

Galligan's career numbers add up to the greatest scorer in Eastern women's basketball history. Her senior year numbers broke the single-season scoring record as well as the career scoring record.

As it will stand in the record books, Galligan's senior year totaled to: 17.6 points per game (Eastern record 582 total points), 6.2 rebounds per game, 56.9 percent shooting from the field and 75.7 percent free throw shooting.



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior forward Rachel Galligan is the 2008-2009 *Daily Eastern News* Female Athlete of the Year. Galligan finished her basketball career with 1,891 points, breaking Nancy Kassebaum's Eastern record of 1,807 career points.

Her 41 blocks rank as the sixth most in a single season (Galligan also holds the first and third place honors in that category).

For her career, Galligan finished

with 1,891 points, breaking Nancy Kassebaum's Eastern record of 1,807 career points.

Her 794 career rebounds ranks fourth all-time, and she's the career

leading in free throws made, free throws attempted and blocked shots.

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DAN CUSACK

A year in sports

As another semester comes to an end, it's time to look back at Eastern's year in sports. As a sports reporter, I have been privileged to attend a number of events this season. I have seen the baseball team mash other teams out of the ballpark, both basketball teams represent our school with pride and men's soccer play through a typhoon in the conference playoffs.

Without further ado, here are my favorite moments and stories I have covered during the year.

Nov. 11 - Men's soccer against Creighton

The final regular season match for the Panthers, and it was their toughest test of the season.

Creighton came to Charleston as the No. 2 ranked team in the country, with a defense that had only allowed four goals the entire season. Creighton scored three minutes into the game and things looked bleak for Eastern.

But the Panthers responded with two first half goals and took the lead. When Creighton tied the score again in the second half, Eastern scored again and took a second half lead. Although the Panthers ended up losing 5-3, the team battled throughout the day and nearly doubled Creighton's goals, which allowed an entertaining match.

Jan. 17 - Men's basketball against Morehead State

The men's basketball team reached its first trip to the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs since 2005 this season and had plenty of great moments in the year.

Eastern's most entertaining came at home against Morehead State. Morehead entered the game top in the conference, and Eastern was on a two-game winning streak. Eastern went down early in the game, but tied it at the half. In the second half, sophomore Tyler Laser was lights out. He scored all 18 of his points and hit a three with 1 minute, 24 seconds remaining to give the Panthers a lead and electrify Lantz Arena in the 67-61 win.

April 8 - Baseball against Indiana State

The Eastern baseball team has already put together a great season, but of the games I've covered my favorite was against Indiana State. The Panthers lost to them earlier in the season, but at Coaches Stadium that day, the Panther bats could not be stopped. Eastern belted seven home runs and had a superb game defensively as they extended their winning streak to 12 consecutive games.

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BASEBALL | MISSOURI 7, EASTERN 4

Comeback attempt falls short vs. Mizzou

Panthers fall behind early; unable to overcome 7-0 deficit

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team fell behind early and was never able to recover in dropping a 7-4 contest against Missouri Tuesday night in O'Fallon, Mo.

The Panthers committed three early errors, including two by senior third

baseman Zach Skidmore, not helping the cause of senior right-hander Brian Morrell (4-2), who surrendered five earned runs in three innings of work.

"We just did not play well at all," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "(Morrell) wasn't sharp, and he has been great for us. We just played ugly for three innings, settled down, but by that time it was too late."

The Panthers (32-10) were unable to get on the board until the eighth inning when they got a two-run single by senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz and a two-run single by senior

shortstop Jordan Kreke.

Freshman right fielder Zach Borenstein collected four of the Panthers' nine hits on the game. The game featured both teams using wooden bats instead of the customary aluminum bats that are used in the college game.

Schmitz said this was the first time in his 15-year tenure as head coach that the Panthers had played in a wooden bat game. They played with wooden bats because the stadium they were playing in was a minor league park and had a short right field wall. He said the fact that they were using

wooden bats had nothing to do with the lack of offense early on.

"It had no bearing on anything with regards to what we were trying to do," he said. "It was just bad baseball all-around in the first three innings and that put us in a hole."

The Panthers return to action tonight with a neutral site game against Southern Illinois-Carbondale at 6:30 p.m. at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

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