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NATION | EPIDEMIC

Swine flu cases probable in state

Cases found in Chicago, Chicago suburb areas

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The swine flu outbreak reached into Illinois on Wednesday with the state reporting its first probable cases, shutting

down at least three schools as public health officials warned people not to panic but asked them to take simple measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

The initial nine likely cases were mild and included three children and six adults in northern Illinois. The state awaited final confirmation from federal health officials, but ear-

ly testing indicated a 99 percent chance the cases were swine flu.

"Ninety-nine percent is a hard number to beat," Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Damon Arnold said at a news conference where Mayor Richard Daley, Gov. Pat Quinn and other officials stressed the state was working hard to prevent more people from

getting sick.

A swine flu outbreak is spreading across the country and the world, where it is suspected of killing more than 150 people in Mexico. The first U.S. death was confirmed Wednesday when a 23-month-old child died in Texas.

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CAMPUS | SENATE

President veto stands

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate had its work cut out for it, with seven proposals under emergency legislation during Wednesday night's meeting.

The Student Government allowed the veto of the University Board marketing proposal to stand.

The proposal was for \$300 for software to aid in the making of fliers for advertisement.

The proposal originated during the Apportionment Board meeting on April 16 as additional allocations, after a misinterpreted e-mail called for \$40,346 in additional allocations.

Student Body President Levi Bulgar vetoed it after last week's meeting.

"I vetoed the bill because the (proposal) was brought up without chairs of the board being aware of the situation," he said.

In other business, the UB proposal for new productions equipment passed with a vote of 23-1-1.

Orion Buckingham, UB productions chair, spoke to the Student Senate about the need for the equipment.

"We have done 36 events this year for 22 (Registered Student Organizations) on campus, and that is not including any of the events we do for UB," he said.

Last week, the Student Senate members voted to send the proposal back to committee for the AB to look at again. The AB approved the proposal after adjustments had been made, and it was sent back to the Student Senate.

The senate approved the \$6,253, including the funding for new Public Address speakers, six radios and a CD player.

To allow Student Senate to advance its technological ability, the Student Senate passed three proposals for a scanner and hard drive, a camcorder, and nine flash drives. The scanner and hard drive proposal passed at \$498 with a vote of 22-3-0.

The members of Student Government hope to use this equipment to save the pieces of legislature stored in the Student Activities Center as digital copies.

With hopes of filming meetings and lectures, the camcorder and tripod proposal for \$225 was passed 12-8-5.

Senate member Isaac Sandidge said he was against this because they should take advantage of the technology they have now, such as the Web site, before they try to take on something new.

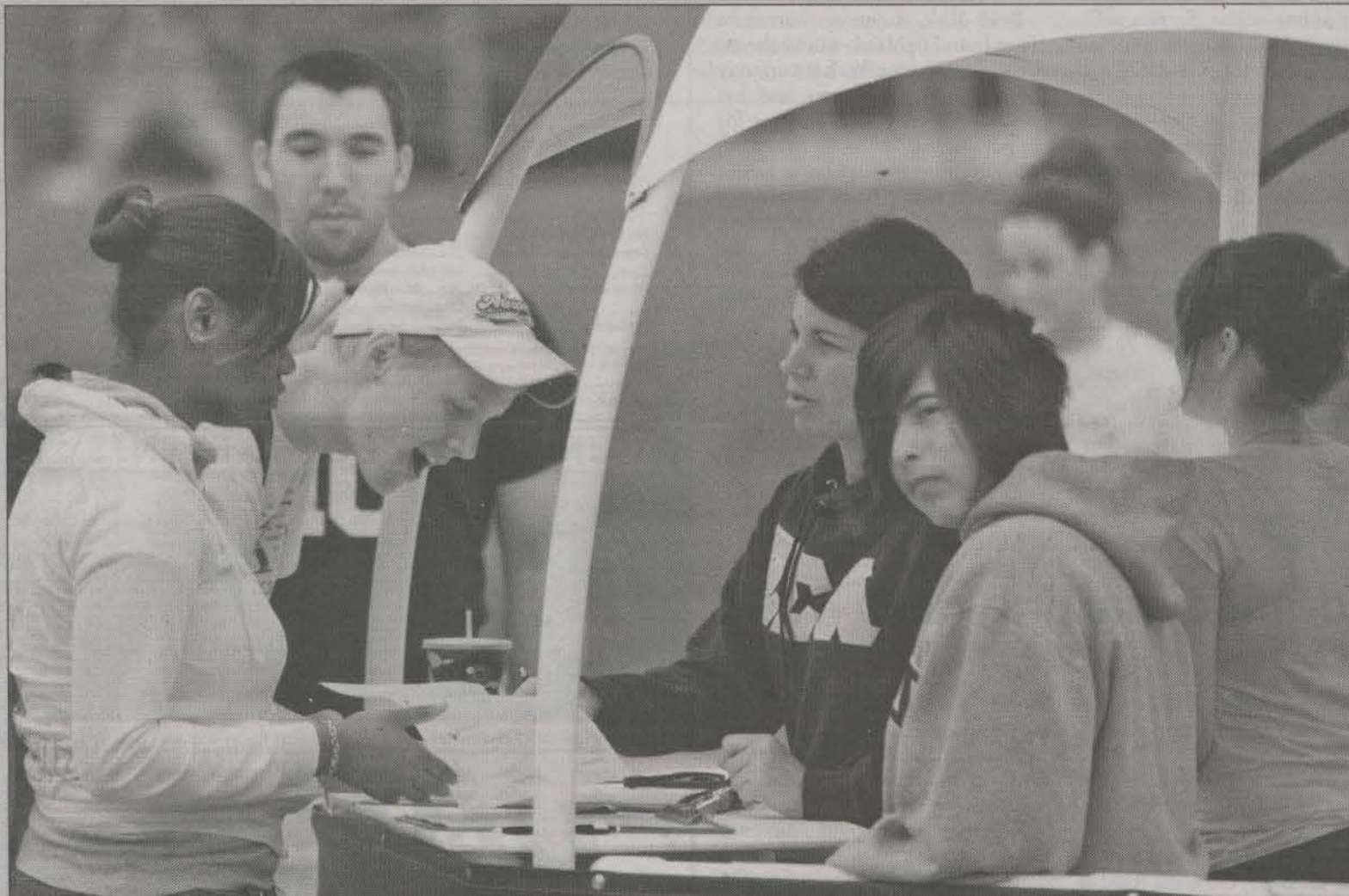
A proposal for nine flash drives to be used by the nine committees of the Student Government was also passed. This will cost about \$90.

The University Development and Recycling Committee asked for \$150 to plant a Japanese maple tree on campus.

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CAMPUS | FEATURE PHOTO

SIGNING UP FOR SERVICE



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students sign up to volunteer to be Panther Pals and help new students move in on campus for the fall semester in the North Quad Wednesday. The Panther Pals help incoming freshmen and transfer students with moving items into their room and finding where they live.

UNIVERSITY | MEMORIAL

Women's studies looking for more students

No major is currently offered in program

By JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Reporter

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, is looking for students to develop women's studies into their minor at Eastern.

She's been teaching at the university since August, and is currently the only full-time professor in the program.

"We tend to look through the world of how women experience it," Ludlow said. "If you take an English class, you might read two books by men and two books by women and for a long time humanity was based by men."

"The (women's studies) minor makes you hyper-aware of all kinds of issues."

— Alaina Morales, senior English major

She said women's studies centers on teaching students critical thinking skills.

While this is a major at other universities, it is not one at Eastern. Ludlow said she only knows of 15 students who have officially declared it as their minor.

Alaina Morales, a senior English major, became interested in the minor when she took the introductory course Women, Men and Culture last spring.

Morales became interested by the ideas of gender and race.

"The minor is also very practical," she said. "The things we discuss aren't hard to understand — they apply to everyday social issues and anyone can relate to the topics we discuss."

Morales said she would see the world become a better place, and declaring this as a minor has given her the tools she needs to make this possible.

She declared women's studies as her minor for personal reasons. She plans to work in a university library, and wants to use her minor

to outreach out to the students and the community.

"The (women's studies) minor makes you hyper-aware of all kinds of issues," she said. "That will be an advantage when I'm developing collections in the library, or developing professional relationships with coworkers."

Declaring a minor in women's studies broadened Morales' experience as a college student and she found the issues that are covered in the classes relevant in all her classes.

"The minor really makes you re-examine your habits, beliefs and lifestyle," Morales said. "I'm just aware of the different issues people face every day. I'm aware of how we have to change as a society to include everyone."

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EIU WEATHER

<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>70° 62° Chance of T-Storms SW 10-15</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p>  <p>68° 47°</p>
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WEATHER BRIEF

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CAMPUS | DEN

DEN hires new staff for fall

Staff Report

The Daily Eastern News completed its interview process for editor positions for the fall 2009 semester's newspaper.

Tyler Angelo, a senior journalism major from Mokena, will be editor in chief for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. Angelo is currently the managing editor and has previously been a reporter, copy editor and designer for The DEN.

Chris Lee, a junior journalism major from Rockford, will be managing editor. Lee has worked as lead designer and as a Verge designer in the past.

Emily Zulz, a senior journalism major from Washburn, will be the news editor. Zulz is currently the associate news editor and has helped in other DEN positions including administration editor and activities reporter.

David Thill, a senior journalism major from Charleston, will be opinions page editor. Thill is

currently the senior reporter for The DEN and is a former editor in chief.

Eric Hiltner, a senior journalism major from Charleston, will be the photo editor. Hiltner has previously held the position of photo editor for both The DEN and The Warbler.

Collin Whitchurch, a junior journalism major from Cherry Valley, is the sports editor. Whitchurch is currently the associate sports editor for The DEN.

Sam Sottosanto, a sophomore journalism major from Plainfield, will be online editor. Sottosanto is currently a lead designer and has been a reporter for The DEN and Verge.

Krystal Moya, a junior journalism major from Channahon, is the Verge editor. Moya is currently the administration editor and has also held the position of city editor.

Bob Bajek, a junior journalism major, will be the associate news editor. Bajek is currently the student government editor and has also

been a sports reporter.

Audrey Sawyer, a freshman journalism major from Greenville, will be the assistant photo editor. Sawyer has worked as a staff photographer.

Dan Cusack, a junior journalism major from Evergreen Park, will be the assistant sports editor. This is Cusack's second time in the position.

Alycia Rockey, a junior journalism major from Peoria, is the assistant online editor. Rockey has worked as a staff photographer.

Brad York, a junior journalism major from Highland, will be the assistant Verge editor. York is currently the senior Verge reporter and has previously been a staff reporter for the publication.

Sarah Jean Bresnahan, a senior journalism major from Woodridge, was named editor in chief during the summer semester. She is the current Verge editor and has served as development director for The DEN.

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MULTIMEDIA PACKAGE— Check out DENnews.com for a sound slides presentation of students painting the bricks for the "Writing on the Wall" event last week. A time-lapse video of the construction will also be posted on our Web site.

LOCAL | TRAVEL

Amtrak service modified starting next week

Staff Report

Students planning to take Amtrak Train 391, the southbound Saluki, next week may be diverted to motorcoach buses.

The train will terminate at Effingham, missing stops at Centralia, Du Quoin and Carbondale from May 4 to 8, May 11 to 15

and May 18 to 20, according to an Amtrak work advisory. Tracks will be closed during railroad tie installation.

Motorcoach service will be provided for travel for Carbondale travelers only.

No alternate travel will be available to or from Centralia or Du Quoin.

Amtrak Train 391, the northbound Illini, will originate in Effingham during the work.

Motorcoach service will be provided in Carbondale to transport passengers to Effingham.

Alternate travel will also not be available to or from Centralia or Du Quoin on the northbound train.

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

Happy the hippo leaving DC for Milwaukee

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON *— Happy the hippo could soon be a lot happier.

The National Zoo's solitary male Nile hippopotamus is heading to the Milwaukee County Zoo, where his new home will include a pool, a sandy beach and two potential girlfriends, Puddles and Patty.

Zoo officials say they're sad to see Happy go, but that Milwaukee will offer him a great life.

Happy is 28 and weighs about 5,500 pounds.

He has to leave the National Zoo because his home is being eliminated for the expansion of the zoo's elephant exhibit.

The Milwaukee zoo, meanwhile, is beginning a roughly \$10 million expansion of its hippopotamus exhibit, part of which will allow visitors to watch hippos swim-

ming underwater.

Happy is expected to move to Milwaukee this summer.

Ill. volunteers married at homeless shelter

SPRINGFIELD — Two central Illinois volunteers have tied the knot in the place they first met: a homeless shelter.

Joyce and Joe Reynolds were married Saturday at the Washington Street Mission in Springfield.

On the first day they met at the mission, Joyce Reynolds says she mistook her future husband for a homeless man seeking shelter.

But Joe Reynolds, who is a longtime volunteer and leads Bible studies at the shelter, says he set her straight.

The Reynolds went on their first date a month after that first meeting.

About 100 people, including the homeless who rely on the shel-

ter, attended Saturday's wedding.

The Reynolds say they plan to continue volunteering.

Swiss heartland voters ban nude hiking

APPENZELL, Switzerland — Voters in the heart of the Swiss Alps on Sunday passed legislation banning naked hiking after dozens of mostly German nudists started rambling through their picturesque region.

By a show of hands citizens of the tiny canton (state) of Appenzell Inner Rhodes voted overwhelmingly at their traditional open-air annual assembly to impose a 200 Swiss franc (\$176) fine on violators.

Only a scattering of people on Sunday opposed the ban on the back-to-nature activity that took off last autumn when naked hikers — primarily Germans — started showing up in eastern Switzerland.

UNIVERSITY BOARD EVENTS

Wild Safari THE LAST EXPEDITION

Thursday, April 30 - 12:00p - Library Quad
Rain Location: Student Rec Center

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UNIVERSITY | FINALS

Faculty, students propose study tips

Various studying techniques help students with finals

By JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Reporter

The most effective ways to study for finals according to Eastern students and faculty vary.

The hard work of the semester is over, and finals are just around the corner.

With the majority of tests, quizzes and homework in the past, how a student studies for his finals can make or break his grade.

Faculty members usually take time to prepare students as the finals close in at the end of the semester.

"I answer all their questions about the final, and what kind of final it will be," said Parley Ann Boswell, a professor of English. "I hold extra office hours. If they can't come in, I'll answer their questions online."

Boswell teaches literature courses, and finds the most effective way to study for finals is to reread notes. When students get to a place where they do not understand the material, they should contact their professor.

Keep in mind each professor has a different way of preparing his students for finals.

"I post objectives on the Web and I tell them to go over all previous homework," said Cherie Lehman, instructor in the physics department.

Minh Dao, a professor of economics, gives his students a review sheet to study for their finals, usually about a week in advance. In addition, he includes class time in order



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

As finals week approaches, many students turn to the library to write papers, study, or even squeeze in a nap; Candyce Perry, a junior family and consumer sciences major, works on homework with a friend Wednesday night in Booth Library.

to review.

"I'm pretty confident they're prepared for finals," he said. "Having said that, I think it's up to the students to study. It's only the main points, but they need to study hard."

Students choose a variety of ways to prepare for their finals.

"I lock myself in the study room and study for hours," said Emma Henigman, a junior nursing major. "I start on Friday night the weekend before my teachers give me a study guide and I go over notes."

Henigman said it is an effective way to study.

"Friday night I make a list of

everything I need to do and get everything out," said Ricky Daniels, a junior hospitality major.

Saturday he will sleep in, and then eat.

"Then I'm going to the library until I go home and go to bed," Daniels said. "I study better at night in chunks."

Booth Library seems to be the place to go for some students.

"I study for finals by going to the library," said Jason Collins, a junior communication studies major.

He said the dorms are loud and it is quieter to go somewhere else.

Collins finds it effective to study alone because group members will

often distract him from what he is studying.

Sean Jones, a senior history major, takes a different approach to studying for finals.

"The night before, I'll stay up and won't sleep at all," he said. "I'll buy a 5-Hour Energy drink and Red Bull. If there's a study guide I go through and I read it, answering each question and trying to memorize."

Jones starts the study guides a day or two in advance to work up to the exam.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Exotic animals, games, prizes give enjoyment

Spring Fling provides fun and education

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Students can see a monkey wearing a diaper from noon to 3 p.m. today in the Library Quad during the third annual Spring Fling.

"Spring Fling: Wild Safari" will feature 10 wild animals in an exotic animal farm, including the monkey, some exotic birds, snakes, parrots and a giant turtle.

Otis Seawood Jr., University Board special events coordinator, said the animals are being presented because they fit the "Wild Safari" theme.

"In order to bring a safari effect, we decided we would add some exotic animals," Seawood said.

Along with exotic animals, the event will have an inflatable climbing wall and obstacle course.

Photo key chains and photo magnets will be handed out, and students can play bingo under a tent or create spin art.

Students can take a plain Frisbee and shoot paint on it with a paint gun during spin art.

The bingo prizes include a television, a Brookfield Zoo package with hotel and parking passes for



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A student races in an inflatable bungee run during last year's Spring Fling in the Library Quad. This year's event, Wild Safari, will take place at noon today in the Library Quad.

two days and one night, Dave and Buster's gift cards, various CDs and various Eastern apparel from the Eastern bookstore.

Seawood said Spring Fling is usually one of the bigger UB-hosted events, with a total cost of about \$10,000.

This number is a little higher than the cost of the Up All Nites during the year, he said.

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said the "Spring Fling: Wild Safari" is a large event for students to end the year on a good note before studying for finals begins.

"It is a chance for students to

have a good time before they have to bear down on the books," she said.

Brinker said the event should be a fun way for students to unwind with entertainment, games, food and prizes before the end of the school year.

A highlight of having live animals is that students will get an educational experience.

"They will learn some new things, such as the native habitat, behavior, species, interaction with humans," Brinker said. "Students should take advantage of the opportunity because they would not get a chance to see these exot-

ic and tropical animals unless they were at the zoo or studying abroad."

Mike Usher, UB chair, said students will enjoy the petting zoo and the bingo prizes.

"The monkey is usually out all day," he said.

Usher said people could take pictures with the animals with their own cameras or phones for their keepsake.

Food from Joey's in Charleston, such as hot dogs and hamburgers, will be available to eat at the event.

Brinker said this type of event works better outside because it allows more room for the animals, along with the games.

"We are hoping the weather holds up," she said. "Otherwise, we will improvise."

Seawood said the event will take place rain or shine, but the inflatable climbing wall and obstacle course wall will be taken down if the weather were bad.

The UB helped put the event together, along with the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Student Community Service and the Parent's Club helped out as well.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Jazz combos to perform classic compositions

Eastern's three jazz combos will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Doudna Fine Arts Center, Room 1360.

The concert will feature new compositions and arrangements by Eastern students, along with classic jazz compositions by Gerry Mulligan, Bill Evans and Horace Silver.

Admission is free.

For more information contact Paul Johnston at 581-6656 or at prjohnston@eiu.edu.

Asian Heritage Month closing events

Asian Heritage Month events will wrap up with the fourth installment of the Asian film series. "If You Were Me 2" will be shown at 5 p.m. Thursday in Lumpkin Hall, Room 2030.

Admission is free.

Textbook Rental hours expand for returns

Hours for Textbook Rental Services will change during finals week. Textbook Rental will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

During textbook returns, unattended vehicles parked on Fourth Street will be ticketed and/or towed by the Charleston Police Department. Attended vehicles can be parked on the east side of Fourth Street while returning textbooks.

Men's Health Night features presentation

There will be a Men's Health Night today featuring a presentation and prizes. One of the prizes will be a 'night out' as a door prize. The event starts at 6 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Admission is free.

For more information contact Catherine Spannagel at 518-7786 or at cns Spannagel@eiu.edu.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Cannabis complaints were reported Saturday in Stevenson and Douglas Halls, and in Greek Court, said the University Police Department.

A white Chevrolet was reported damaged Sunday while parked near the field house, police said.

Shannon Newsome, 28, of Charleston, was charged with disorderly conduct after an 11:30 a.m. Monday arrest at Carman Hall, police said.

COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR EVENTS

To report any errors, local events or general suggestions for future editions please contact our Editor in Chief, Kristina Peters, via: Phone | 581-7936, E-mail | DENeic@gmail.com Office visit | 1811 Buzzard Hall

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DAN CUSACK

Handbook for the
procrastinator

I am a procrastinator, and I know I am not alone. I've seen you at the library cramming every last piece of knowledge until your head explodes. This, the last week of school, is the season for procrastination as everyone waits until the last minute to get everything done. How do you know it's the season of the procrastinator? Wal Mart runs out of energy drinks, nobody is in a good mood and 90 percent of Facebook statuses have a statement followed with the three letters "FML."

All semester, the projects we were assigned, the term papers we were given and the books we had to read seemed so far away. Now the clock is ticking. Being a certified procrastinator myself, here are some tips on how to get things done on time without winding up in a psych ward.

All nighters

Let's face it. In this final week of school, sleep is overrated. I'm pretty sure it's a proven fact that the mind is at its most alert when it has not been rested in 28 straight hours. Next week, we will be free from lab reports and books by boring French writers no one has ever heard of. Summer is for rest so we can sleep then.

The key to the all nighter is really simple. Just drink as much energy drinks as possible, play your music really loud and, within a few days, you'll wonder why you have ever felt the need to take a nap in the first place. Just make sure you stay away from heavy machinery.

Wikipedia

There is not enough time left in the semester to finish that 1,000-page epic you were assigned in January, so there is only one place to go that has all the answers at the tip of your finger. Wikipedia. The site is God's gift to procrastinators. For those not familiar, Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia that allows anyone to add information. What could go wrong there? Need to find who won the War of 1812? United States. Boom, found it in 12 seconds. Need to know who played Gunnar Stahl in "D2: The Mighty Ducks?" Scott Whyte. Bam, three seconds. See, Wikipedia has everything and can always be trusted (Note: Never trust Wikipedia).

Procrastinate procrastination

Anyone can procrastinate, but it takes a real warrior to wait until the very last second. Situation: You were assigned a term paper two months ago. It is the day before it is due. What's your move?

Wait until the last possible second. Everyone knows it's our human instinct to react with our utmost finest performance when we are trapped into a corner. It's basic human nature we inherited from evolution. So wait until 3 a.m. the day before the paper is due to start it. With panic and fear as motivation, you are bound to produce your finest work. You can't argue against science.

So for all you procrastinators out there, good luck with whatever assignment was not important enough to start on when it was assigned months ago. As for myself, I'm going to take a nap.

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't abandon your pets when
moving out next week

Let's turn the clock forward to next week. Finals are over. Your parents have pulled up with a trailer to gut out your house and take you and your possessions home. You didn't forget anything, did you? You've loaded up box after box full of various possessions, from CDs to books, assured you hadn't left anything behind. But what about that puppy chained up in the back yard? You love that puppy, right? You wouldn't want anything bad to happen to it, would you? So why leave it behind?

Although it isn't quite a crisis in Charleston, pet abandonment is a real issue that affects animals that were at one point cared for by some student who couldn't take the pet with them.

Some students with pets seem to think after school, it's time to start over; it's time to get rid of everything from the college years.

Books, notes and even futons routinely bite the dust at the end of the spring semester, and sometimes pets are left behind with the twisted remains of the former foldout.

What causes this? Do students' parents not allow pets in their homes? Has the student run out of money or patience with the pet? Has the student simply underestimated the responsibility involved with taking care of a pet?

If the student cannot fully grasp the responsibility behind taking care of a pet, why even have one in the first place?

This isn't just another piece of shoddy furniture you leave

"This isn't just another piece of shoddy furniture you leave on the side of the road. This is a living thing that needs care and attention."

on the side of the road. This is a living thing that needs care and attention.

If a student's parents won't allow pets in the house, or if the student decides the pet can no longer be cared for after college for whatever reason, the student shouldn't have even had a pet in the first place.

If you find yourself in this position when moving out, consider giving the dog to a new home where it will be cared for properly instead of just leaving it behind and expecting it to work out on its own.

With fall semester comes a rise in the number of off-campus students with pets.

If you are one of them, please consider the responsibility that comes with caring for the animal, going beyond college.

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

LACK OF POISE DOOMED PAGEANT CONTESTANT

MISSISSIPPI STATE — Carrie Prejean, Miss California USA, learned this week that if you find yourself starting to say, "No offense to anybody" in front of a big crowd of people, the next thing out of your mouth will make someone mad. Prejean, the first runner-up at the Miss USA 2009 pageant, caused a stir earlier this week when she stumbled her way through a trap question from judge Perez Hilton.

The Miss USA Pageant is a competition known for celebrating answers like "I would change my feet. I hate having a size nine," for questions like "If you

could change one part of your past, what would it be?"

Hilton broke the mold and asked an insightful, hot-button question that far surpassed the contestant's preparation.

"Vermont recently became the fourth state to legalize same-sex marriage," Hilton asked. "Do you think every state should follow suit? Why or why not?"

Prejean has claimed her answer, which has been bashed by liberal bloggers like Hilton for its conservative tilt, lost her the crown. Hilton has confirmed that he would not have let her win the pageant following her answer. However, it was not what Prejean said that lost the crown, but how she said it.

She was obviously caught defenseless. If a Miss USA contestant choked on her words that much while talking about how much she loves puppies, she would have lost. Beauty pageants judge based on style and poise. Prejean showed little of either in her answer.

Perhaps she should have known the judge she was talking to better and pandered to him. Perhaps she should have shown a little better understanding of states' rights. Perhaps she should be respected for sticking to her beliefs despite being given a loaded question.

Paul Kimbrough
The Reflector

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» **Senate**

FROM PAGE 1

The committee plants a tree every year. The proposal passed 24-0-1.

Student Senate also passed a proposal for 1,000 promotional pens for \$965. This passed with a vote of 23-1-0.

While many students will be taking off for the summer, Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, will still make a few trips to Springfield to push for the Renewable Energy Center in front of a committee in the House of Representatives.

The Student Senate passed a proposal 23-0-1 to refund the cost of his trips to Springfield for \$167.

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Body President Levi Bulgar gives his State of the University address at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

» **Swine flu**

FROM PAGE 1

All of Illinois' probable cases are in Chicago and its suburbs, with five in Chicago, two in Kane County and single cases in both Lake and DuPage counties. The youngest person sickened is age 6 and the oldest is

36. Four were male and four female, with officials not giving the gender of one Chicago case.

In an effort to try to stop the virus from spreading, three schools in Chicago and the suburbs that each had likely cases of swine flu closed.

Chicago officials shut down a North Side elementary school on Wednesday and a Kane County middle and high school closed down for

the rest of the week.

The Chicago school was shuttered for at least two days and the district monitored attendance at all its other schools.

Chicago officials also have asked students at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School not to take part in citywide school activities for a short period of time because a 12-year-old girl there has a probable case of swine flu.

» **Minor**

FROM PAGE 1

Creating a women's studies major is not in the near future.

"You have to have a consistent number of faculty, and there's just one," Ludlow said. "I can't do a whole major by myself. We have faculty that teach courses, but they can't do it consistently."

She said it is getting easier to change this, because the university is hiring more faculty who are interested in women's studies.

The only thing the university would need to have a major is more introductory courses, Ludlow said.

"If we developed a major, we wouldn't develop one until we could offer students the best opportunities of work and scholarships," Ludlow said. "We would want it to be top-notch before we propose it."

She said when the program is ready to propose a major, there would be widespread support.

Currently faculty in the program comes from many different departments, including English, history, sociology and polit-

ical science.

The faculty is committed to the program, Morales said.

"They might try to get more men involved with (women's studies), just because everyone should be involved with it," she said. "There's more to women's studies than the women, which many people don't realize."

The minor requires students to take the introductory course Women, Men and Culture, as well as Feminist Theory.

Students also choose from nine electives about women or gender.

The program also requires an internship, which a student may take an additional elective in its place.

Morales took courses in English, art, journalism, history and political science as her electives.

"This minor is great because it is interdisciplinary," Morales said. "So you are exposed not only to different fields, but also different faculty and even different areas on campus, and your experience is really well developed."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Freshman wins final Open Mic, wins \$200

Original pieces, impromptu freestyle, playing guitar with teeth, featured at Open Mic

By **KELSEY BARTELS**
Staff Reporter

Manifest Destiny guitarist Jared "Ziggy" Chuck said performing is like a therapy session for the soul.

Chuck, a freshman biology major, said this just before his band's instrumental performance of "Apologize" by One Republic at the Open Mic Night Finals Wednesday night in 7th Street Underground.

Chuck was one of about 10 people to perform throughout the finals. Despite a crowd of more than 30, Manifest Destiny members said their nerves weren't an issue.

"I am used to big crowds, but it can be challenging having everyone stare at you, waiting for you to mess up," said Darius Logan, pianist for Manifest Destiny.

The band's main goal at Open Mic Night was to have fun, and share its musical energy with the crowd in hopes of having that energy returned back to the music,

"I feel more nervous now than I did on stage."

— **Joshua Anderson, Lake Land College junior**

Chuck said.

Chuck entertained the audience by playing his guitar raised over his head, and then plucking the strings with his teeth.

Osiris Johnson, a freshman psychology major, performed an original song called "Take You Away."

Joshua Anderson, a junior from Lake Land Community College and who goes by the name Jay-Are, accompanied Johnson with backup vocals. Johnson said he wrote the song to impress a girl he wanted to talk to.

"I feel more nervous now than I did on stage," he said, after his performance. "I love being up there performing."

Anderson went on to sing his own original song, "Purpose," which showed his wide range of vocals, as well as his skills as a rapper.

Dartanguan Baker, a mathematics computer science major, and Michael Lattimore, a junior political science major, performed together as Myke-Myke presented its original song, "Echo."

Baker said while a lot of people were experimenting with writing rap songs, Myke-Myke wanted to start experimenting with R & B.

"Echo" was about getting a girl to echo their names. The song was strewn with comical innuendos making the audience laugh.

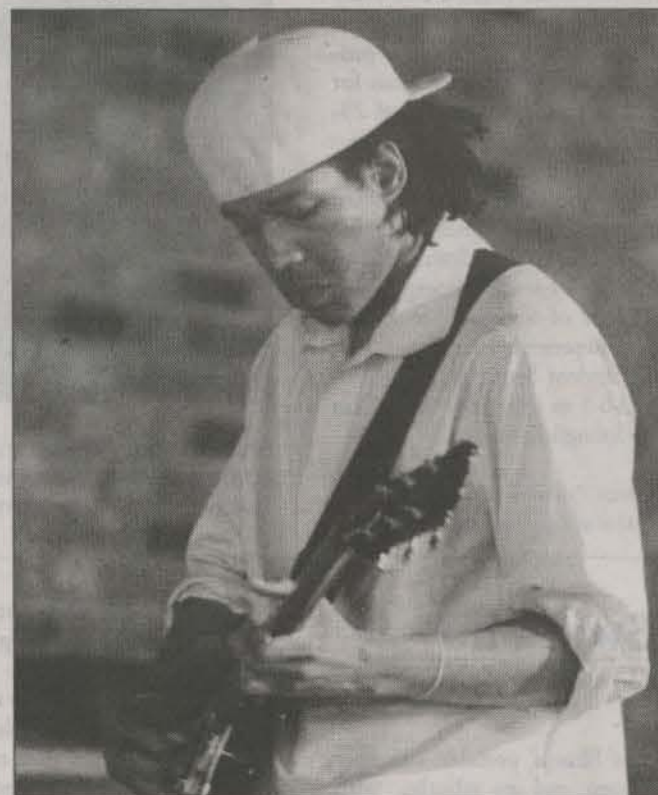
Lattimore stayed to sing another song along with a female friend, but dropped the song after he messed up his lines. Unembarrassed, Lattimore chose to do freestyle right on the spot, for which the audience cheered.

Jeneice Mitchell, a freshman special education major, won the final Open Mic with a prize of \$200 to Ticketmaster.

Open Mic was a way for students to display their original works.

Performing on stage is the ultimate freedom of speech, Chuck said.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jared "Ziggy" Chuck, a freshman biology major, plays guitar during Open Mic night Wednesday in 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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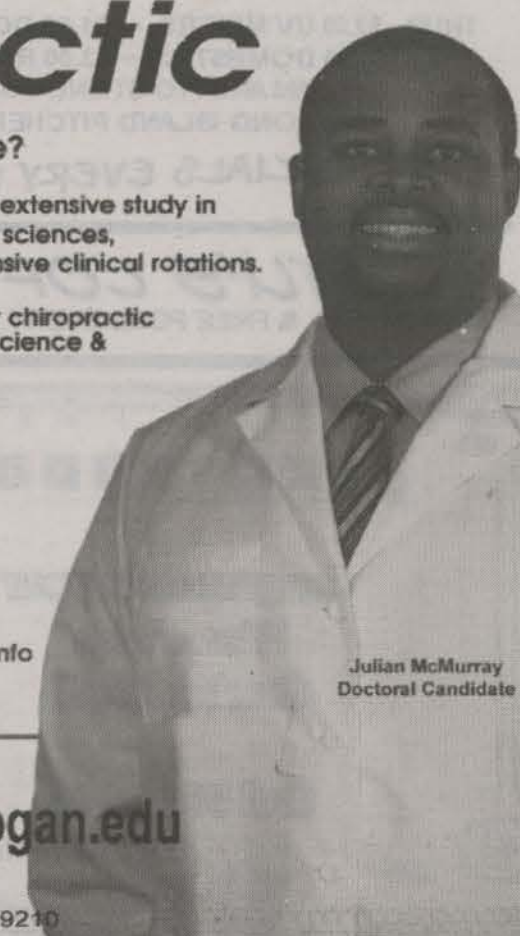
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STATE | POVERTY RATES

24 counties on poverty warning list

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The recession likely has pushed hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans into poverty, according to a study released Thursday, and two leading indicators — use of food stamps and emergency food assistance — appear to support that assertion.

More than 400,000 people have fallen into poverty statewide since 2007, an increase of about 27 percent, the Chicago-based Heartland Alliance Mid-America Institute on Poverty projects.

The most recent Census data on poverty are from 2007, so the projections were based on the relationship between unemployment and poverty, established during the last three recessions, said Amy Rynell, executive director of the poverty institute.

"The magnitude of our projection is very upsetting," said Rynell. "We've never seen an increase in poverty over a two-year period that is anywhere near this large, and important mechanisms to address it are not strong enough."

The state's jobless rate was 9.1 percent in March, the highest in more than 23 years, and the number of unemployed was at a 25-year high of 596,000.

Food banks are seeing a big surge in individuals and families requesting assistance, and the Illinois Department of Human Services says the state's emergency food program has distributed 36 percent more food in the first three quarters of the state's 2009 fiscal year, which began last July, than it did in the entire

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— Amy Rynell, executive director of the poverty institute

previous year.

More than 672,000 households used food stamps last month, up 14 percent, or an additional 82,300 households, since December 2007, DHS data show.

The report placed 24 counties on its poverty warning list and 46 on its watch list, based on four indicators: unemployment, poverty, high school graduation and teen birth rates.

Suburban areas outside of Chicago are among those most at risk, and have seen "an exponential growth in poverty" as people move to the suburbs and work in lower-paying jobs, Rynell said.

Teesha George, a single mother of five who also cares for a 3-year-old grandchild, said she was barely getting by on an \$8-an-hour custodial job. But since being laid off in August 2007, the Rockford woman — who said she didn't qualify for unemployment — and her family are surviving on \$500 in food stamps each month.

"It's very depressing," George, 36, said Wednesday from the Rock River Valley Food Pantry, where she picked up groceries to tide her over until Friday, when May food stamp allocations are released. "You want to buy your kids clothes, maybe take

them out to dinner, but you can't."

Dennis Smith, executive director of the Northern Illinois Food Bank, which serves food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in 13 counties, said he does not doubt the institute's accuracy.

"My wife volunteers at one of the food pantries ... and just about every story she told me was about people who never went to a pantry before, never had help before," but now they lost their jobs, Smith said. "The stories are unending."

Despite the rise in aid, Rynell said an estimated 79 percent of residents eligible for welfare assistance are not receiving it, and the state budget crisis has hurt the government's ability to help those in need.

She said the state Department of Human Services has fewer staff to do outreach and process applications. Since December 2007, the number of families receiving temporary assistance from the state has declined by 3 percent, according to state records.

DHS spokesman Tom Green said the agency has fewer caseworkers because of budget reductions and is "always looking to add more direct service staff when possible."

But the agency has made it easier

for residents to apply for food stamps and temporary assistance by phone and online, Green said, giving caseworkers more time to process cases.

Smith, from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, said 11 of the food pantries served by the agency are participating in a pilot program to help people get food stamps automatically when they come in for help.

Workers help recipients apply online, a process that takes about 20 minutes. If they qualify, they get a LINK card on the spot.

Last month, 82 percent of those who applied were approved, and about 75 percent of those who've qualified in the past six months were first-time recipients "which tells you you're really getting people there who are legitimately in need," Smith said.

EPA raids city accused of using tainted water

CRESTWOOD — Federal agents have raided city offices in the Chicago suburb of Crestwood, Ill., which has been accused of knowingly drawing drinking water from a contaminated well for more than two decades.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says 15 agents from the EPA and other agencies entered the Crestwood village hall and public works department Wednesday. EPA spokeswoman Anne Rowan says they produced search warrants related to the tainted-water allegations.

The *Chicago Tribune* recently reported that Crestwood officials covered up the presence of chemicals in the water. It said state officials in the 1980s found the well contained chemicals linked to cancer.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Plane reports flames, lands safe in Seattle

SEATAC, Wash. — A Boeing 777 has landed safely at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after reporting flames shot out of one of its engines.

Airport spokesman Perry Cooper says the Asiana Airlines Flight 271 turned around soon after takeoff Wednesday afternoon. Witnesses on the ground reported hearing explosions.

Cooper says it's unclear what might have caused the flames. The plane dumped fuel over Puget Sound before landing.

The flight was headed to Seoul.

Kansas death toll from storms rises to 5

WICHITA, Kan. — The death toll from days of heavy rain in Kansas rose to five Wednesday when authorities found the bodies of two people in a car submerged in a flooded creek.

A 26-year-old Parsons man and a 22-year-old Springfield, Mo., woman were found by Labette County sheriff's deputies in Pumpkin Creek in southeast Kansas, the state Division of Emergency Management said.

The couple had been reported missing Tuesday evening. Authorities believe they were traveling west on a local road and were swept into the creek at a low-water crossing.

The five storm-related deaths have occurred in northeast, southeast and south-central Kansas since Saturday.


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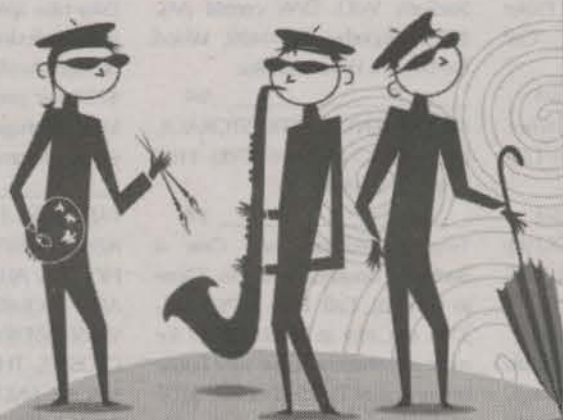
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» Improvement

FROM PAGE 12

He said instead of keeping it to himself, he came to talk to coaches about his concerns.

"It is always difficult to train by yourself, but luckily he had a good supporting cast to help him through," Tobler said. "I am glad he came in and talked to us, because it is so easy to be lackadaisical when you are by yourself again."

Smith, Boey's roommate, said he tried to help him as much as possible last season.

"I always wanted to make sure he was practicing and everything," Smith said. "Although he was practicing every day, if he could, he would be right there beside us."

But Boey kept improving. When he finally got his chance to compete for Eastern the next season, he excelled.

Boey qualified for the 200-meter dash at the NCAA National Indoor Championships and shattered personal bests, propelling his way up the Eastern school record books with each and every meet.

At his first nationals, Boey was disqualified for a lane violation. For only the second time all season, Boey raced on a bank course which has a different turn than he is used to.

Akers said although his time even without the violation would not have been good enough to qualify for finals, his performance was a great experience for him, which will help him in the future.

Boey did not stray away from the fact, but took it head on.

"It was a bad race," he said. "No excuses."

He did not let it bring him down.

When he was on the big stage again last weekend, he excelled. Eastern competed in the Drake Relays, one of the top outdoor track meets in the country.

In front of a sold-out crowd against and the best runners throughout the country, Boey again showed why he is so good. Boey finished second in the 100-meter dash in 10.38 seconds, .08

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 2009: Zye Boey (Track)
- 2008: Mick Galeski (Soccer)
- 2007: Vincent Webb Jr. (Football)
- 2006: Clint Sellers (Football)
- 2005: Aaron Grobengeiser (Track)
- 2004: C.J. Webber (Tennis)
- 2003: Henry Domercant (Basketball)
- 2002: Tony Romo (Football)
- 2001: Kyle Hill (Basketball)

slower than Baylor's Trey Harts.

Harts was the 2009 indoor champion in the 200-meter dash.

"It was great," Boey said. "There were thousands of people there watching you, including top pros. I just wanted to go out there and perform."

For all of his personal accomplishments, Boey will always put his team first. He said his proudest accomplishment so far in his running career has not been his records or his trip to nationals, but his team's indoor championship title.

"Winning a conference title as a team was always my goal," Boey said. "My accomplishments did not mean anything to me unless we got a conference title ring. The best part of this year has been being a part of EIU track and field, running for Coach Akers."

With the outdoor season still undecided and Boey's three years of eligibility still remaining, the ceiling for his career is endless.

"We always say you are limited only what we think we can do," Akers said. "He can still make some gains and strength and explosiveness. There is no lid you can place on how good he can be."

Tobler said with Boey's work ethic it is hard to say how good he can be.

"The one thing he can keep on doing is getting faster," Tolber said. "He will start to plateau, which means he'll start getting the same times. But once he gets higher training with age, the more he runs, the more trains, the more of a technician he'll become."

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OTHER MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR CONSIDERATIONS

Brett Nommensen, senior - Baseball

The center fielder has helped lead the Panthers to 37 wins in their last 50 games.

He was leading the country in on-base percentage (.649) and slugging percentage (1.021) and led the Panthers to their first national ranking in program history and at the end of last season, a spot in the NCAA Regionals.

Pierre Walters, senior - Football

The senior defensive end/linebacker was a Second Team All-American and signed an undrafted free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Walters earned his second straight All-Ohio Valley Conference honors at the end of the season. He also played in an all-star football game after the season ended.

David Holm, senior - Cross Country, Track

The senior from Canada qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in March. He won the 800-meter run at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships for the third-straight season. He helped the Panthers take the indoor title and has the second-best 800-meter indoor time in school history.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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 - 5 Dimwit, in Yiddish slang
 - 10 International company with the slogan "Home away from home"
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MEN'S GOLF | UPDATE

Panthers climb to seventh place on final day

Davis finishes final round on good note

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's golf team had its best performance of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Wednesday at the Muscle Shoals in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The performance came in the last round of the tournament as the Panthers pushed their team score up to seventh place as their season came to a close.

As a team, the Panthers shot 16-over-par to finish with 931 total strokes. The Panthers shot 19-over-par Tuesday and 32-over-par Monday.

They surpassed Tennessee Tech (944 strokes) on the second day, and

then the Panthers surpassed Tennessee Martin (936) on the final day.

"The first day was uncharacteristic," said Eastern senior Matt Davis. "We were so far behind. We were going to play better than that."

This was the third day in a row a different Panther led the team.

Davis led the squad with an even-par 72, a far different situation from his previous two days. Davis shot a 10-over-par and a six-over-par in his previous two days, respectively.

He finished with a 16-over-par to finish tied for 24th overall.

Davis said he wanted to finish his career strong.

He said he did by hitting the ball well on his drives and finally hitting his putts.

The third round of the tournament was halted by two rain delays.

Davis said the delays were annoy-

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- 24. Gino Parrodi - 232 (+16)
- 24. Francisco Cherizola - 232 (+16)
- 24. Matt Davis - 232 (+16)
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ing because they had to rush everybody into the clubhouse and spot the ball.

"The rains really didn't help any-

thing," he said. "You just got to keep it together."

Davis said the rain delay helped him on the 12th hole because he had an easy par, but bogeyed on the 16th hole after the second rain delay.

On day one, sophomore Francisco Cherizola fired a three-over-par. Junior Matt Bird and freshman Gino Parrodi led on day two with a one-over-par 73.

Cherizola had the team's second-best score on the third day and shot a two-over-par to finish with a 16-over-par mark to finish tied for 24th overall.

Parrodi finished tied for 24th overall and fired an eight-over-par 80 to finish with a 16-over-par mark for the tournament.

Bird rounded out Eastern's scoring with a six-over-par 78 to finish the tournament with a 19-over-par

showing. Bird finished 32nd.

Murray State was unable to hold off Austin Peay on the final day of the tournament. The Governors won to earn the automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals. The Racers led by five strokes heading into Wednesday, but shot a five-over-par as a team, and Austin Peay shot a one-under-par to earn the OVC Tournament Championship.

Jacksonville State sophomore Gonzalo Berlin won the individual title with a two-under par 214-stroke count. Berlin won by one stroke and edged Morehead State senior Lee Chaney.

The Panthers return three of their four top golfers for next season with Davis being the only senior.

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Many of the Eastern men

and women track and field team members did not participate in the event at SIU-Edwardsville, with notable athletes such as red-shirt freshman Zye Boey, fresh-

man DeMarcus Brooks and junior Chandra Golden participating in the Drake Relays.

The interesting thing about the event was not only the success of

the Eastern athletes that participated, but also the fact that not all of all of them were together.

This should be an important sign of things to come at the Ohio

Valley Conference Championships this weekend in Richmond, Ky.

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TOP CAT | CARRIE RIORDAN

Senior's past helps toward tourney title

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Eastern senior Carrie Riordan was first motivated to play golf by her brother Corey. Corey had drawn an interest in golf when Riordan was in the eighth grade and soon she followed in her brother's footsteps by going out for the golf team.

Spring Valley High School, her high school, didn't have a girl's golf team, so Riordan joined the boy's team. Adding to the experience was the fact that Riordan had to adjust from shooting a total of 5,300 yards per match on the girl's team, to shooting 6,100 yards per match on the boy's team.

Riordan said the difference in yardage helped her prepare to play golf at the college level.

"Playing in high school (on the men's team) helped me prepare for (Division I) competitions by allowing me to understand the distances," Riordan said.

The experience of playing on

the boy's golf team helped Riordan develop strength in her swing as well as develop her work ethic, which she carried with her to college.

"I always like to work on things until the point that I feel comfortable with it," Riordan said. "If I'm not hitting the ball well, then I will keep practicing until I feel good about it. I wouldn't call myself a perfectionist, but I'm close."

Riordan's determination and strong play have shown this season, especially at the recent Ohio Valley Conference Championship, where she became the first Eastern golfer to win the tournament.

The event was held at Crooked Tree Golf Course in London, Ky.

At the tournament, Riordan came out on day one and posted a strong opening round, shooting a 2-over-par 74. Riordan's first day score was good enough to land her in first place.

On day two, Riordan slipped a little, shooting a 7-over-par 79, which dropped her into second



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Senior golfer Carrie Riordan won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. Riordan slipped to second on the second day, but rebounded to win.

place in the tournament. She then displayed her determination by finishing the final round of the tournament with a 5-over-par 77, which was good enough to finish the tournament with a final score of 14-

over-par, 230 total strokes.

Riordan said winning the tournament was a goal when the season started.

"Me and (head coach Mike Moncel) had been talking about this since the beginning of the year," Riordan said. "My goal coming into the year was to win as many tournaments as possible, and right now it just feels like I'm on cloud nine."

Moncel said he was especially proud of Riordan's performance at the OVC Championship.

"She has worked her butt off for four years, and she certainly has earned it," he said. "Quite honestly, I expected her to win this tournament because we had talked about it for so long."

Moncel said Riordan's main strengths include her ball striking ability as well as her strong putting game.

Senior teammate Michelle Anderson said another one of Riordan's strengths has been her competitive nature.

"She is always out there trying to work to get better, which shows the rest of the team how competitive she is," Anderson said.

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NEIL SCHNEIDER

No rest for weary

What was supposed to be a final tune-up for next week's Ohio Valley Conference Championships turned out to be a successful day for the Eastern men's and women's track and field teams.

Eastern finished with eight top-three performances in individual events and posted a top-three finish in a relay event at Saturday's Southern Illinois Edwardsville Twilight meet.

So much for taking it easy before the big OVC Championship.

Top performers for the Panthers included junior Ian Winston, who posted a second place finish in the high jump, with a jump of 6 feet, 9 inches. Fellow junior, pole-vaulter Dorrian White, also had a strong performance for the team as he posted a new season-best pole vault of 15 feet, 7 inches.

Continuing the success for the men was freshman Sean Wiggan, who placed second in the 800-meter with a time of 1 minute, 54.68 seconds. Junior runner Aaron Iau also placed second in the steeplechase with a final time of 9:57.66.

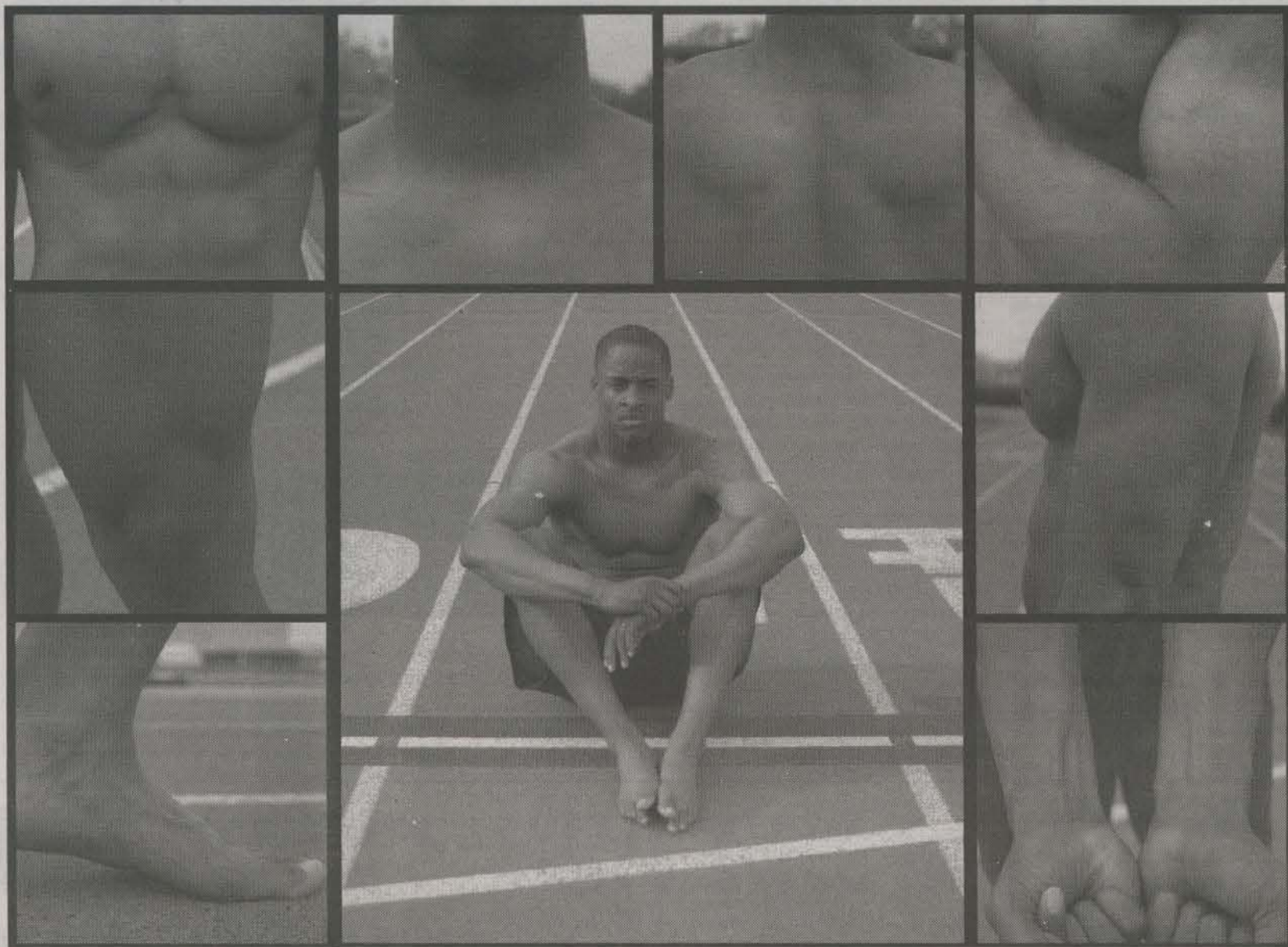
Sophomores Ryan Hoklas and Preston Smith also had strong performances at the meet. Hoklas was awarded the bronze medal in the 5,000-meter with a final time of 15:55.11. Smith also received a bronze medal with a time of 52.84 in the 400-meter hurdles event.

As a team, the Eastern men placed second in the 1,600-meter relay in 3:16.72.

On the women's side, senior Nicole Walcott finished third in the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 2.25 inches, which was the only top three field event posted by Eastern. Walcott was the lone female winner for Eastern.

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | ZYE BOEY



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Eastern red-shirt freshman Zye Boey competed at the NCAA Indoor National Championships and helped the men's indoor track team to a conference title.

Room for improvement

Year off gave sprinter time to prepare

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

When red-shirt freshman Zye Boey entered Lantz Fieldhouse Jan. 21, he was another talented runner with a lot of potential.

When he walked out, he was already one of the fastest college sprinters in the entire country.

It was the Illinois Intercollegiate Invitational. Boey was entering only his third college track meet of his career with solid results at Eastern's previous two meets.

But no one could have expected

what he would do that day.

His first race was the 60-meter dash. Boey lined up, the gun went off and 6.66 seconds later he was across the finish line.

Sophomore sprinter Preston Smith said his jaw dropped when he saw that number, but Eastern track and field coach Tom Akers said Boey was not familiar with the 60-meter, and was asking people if 6.66 was a good time.

Little did he know it was the fourth fastest time ran in the country at that point in the season, and the best time in Eastern indoor track history.

Later at the same meet, Boey would run a personal best 21.52 seconds in the 200-meter dash, which

was third in school history.

"He was more excited about running the 21.52 in the 200 (meter dash)," Akers said. "We had talked before about him running in the (1,600-meter) relay. I told him it would make us better and he wasn't opposed. He ran a great leg of it later in the meet, and it made him a believer."

Boey qualified for nationals in indoor track and continued his solid performance in both the indoor and outdoor track seasons.

Boey was one of many athletes who led Eastern to the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Championship and his continued excellence on the track is why he was named

the 2008-2009 *Daily Eastern News* Male Athlete of the Year.

Despite his success this season, last year did not go as well.

Boey could not practice with the team, and it was tough for him to train by himself.

"I came down here and had to train alone and got a little down on myself," Boey said. "But I talked to coaches and teammates, and they kept my head in it and my mind on being successful."

Jumps coach JaRod Tobler said it is always hard to train alone, but the difference with Boey is that he always kept his eyes on his goals.

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SOFTBALL | SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 8, EASTERN 3

Panthers continue to tumble late in season

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team continued its late-season slide, losing its 11th game in a row with an 8-3 loss to Southeast Missouri Wednesday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Panthers (24-25, 8-12) moved into a tie for sixth place with Tennessee State in the Ohio Valley Conference, the last spot for the OVC Tournament.

"It hurts every time we lose," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "Somehow, you've got to get through. I think they're really hurting right now."

The Panthers got on the board

first with an RBI single by sophomore first baseman Melinda Jackson in the top of the second inning.

"It's the first time in awhile we've led," Schuette said.

The Redhawks (24-19, 13-8) responded in the fourth inning with two runs, but those runs could have been prevented if not for an error, Schuette said.

Eastern took its last lead of the game thanks to a two-run home run from junior right fielder Dence' Menzione. Menzione's eighth home run of the season ties an Eastern record for home runs in a season and gives her 19 for her career.

She led the Panthers with two of

the six hits.

Eastern sophomore Amber May (17-16) pitched six innings, giving up eight runs on eight hits. She walked three and struck out one.

Schuette said May was ahead in the counts, but gave up two home runs.

SEMO freshman Giana Zimmerman (15-8) pitched a complete game, allowing only six hits and three unearned runs. She walked one and struck out seven.

"We need to put the ball in play," Schuette said. "We're striking out too much. We need to take the pressure off ourselves. That's what got us our record (to start out)."

The Panthers have scored 2.45

runs a game in the 11-game losing streak. They have scored only four runs in the past four games.

"I expect a lot more," Schuette said of the offense.

The Panthers return to action against Austin Peay to close out the regular season. All three games will be played in Clarksville, Tenn., with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday and the final game at noon Sunday.

"They're trying to relax," Schuette said. "They're putting their hearts on the line. That's all you can ask as a coach."

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Friday at OVC Championships
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Saturday at Austin Peay (DH)
1 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

BASEBALL
Saturday at SE Missouri (DH)
1 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.

BASEBALL
Sunday at SE Missouri (DH)
1 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.