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## Spoo, Panther football make mark in history

Quarterback Tony Romo's last second scramble gives team the win, coach a title for most wins in school's records.

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## No new leads in Feltt case

♦ *University police have not identified the attackers, despite promise of reward*

Melissa Nielsen  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Almost two months after English professor Bill Feltt was attacked by a group of unknown men, police have received only one lead, which is turning colder as time goes on.

### Timeline of Feltt attack

- ♦ 1:50 a.m. Aug. 27 — Six to eight men attack English instructor near Gregg Triad
- ♦ Aug. 27 — Feltt admitted to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center with bleeding, bruises, scrapes and chipped teeth
- ♦ Sept. 2 — Feltt released from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center
- ♦ Sept. 3 — Feltt admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind. in critical condition
- ♦ Sept. 12 — Feltt released from Good Samaritan Hospital
- ♦ Sept. 23 — Feltt returns to teaching at Eastern
- ♦ Oct. 14 — Police still searching for suspects in attack

Adam Due, chief public safety officer for the University Police Department, said police are continuing to follow a tip about a group of men visiting campus Aug. 27, the night Feltt was beaten outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

University police have identified the men, but have met resistance when trying to speak with some of the visitors.

Police want to speak with several people from the group who live in Champaign, but the possible suspects have not been cooperative, forcing police to find different avenues to gain information.

Due did not say how police planned to contact the uncooperative visitors.

The men are the only possible suspects in the case, and Due said police have received no new leads despite a \$2,500 reward offered by the Judicial Affairs Office. Police hoped the reward would bring people who knew the attackers or who involved in the assault forward.

Police were hoping Feltt would be able to identify some of his attackers in photos after he returned to work Sept. 23, but after looking through about 20 photographs, no one looked familiar.

Feltt described his attackers as six to eight men in their mid 20s. He said he believed at least some of the men did not attend Eastern.

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STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Fudala, a senior marketing major, tailgates Saturday afternoon with members of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity outside of O'Brien Field in the tailgating area.

## Tailgating crowds enjoy dry afternoon

♦ *Early morning sprinkles end in sunny, spirited event*

By Jennifer Chiariello  
STAFF WRITER

Students, staff and alumni gathered with family and friends Saturday at O'Brien Stadium from 11 a.m. until game time for the school-spirited tailgating event.

The purpose of going to tailgating is different for everyone.

"Out of the better experiences at Eastern, tailgating has to be one of them," said Pat Mahoney, a sophomore hospitality major.

For some students, tailgating is about school spirit and showing support for the football team.

"It's all about getting riled up before watching our fine Eastern athletes kick some

Kentucky butt," said Katie Lampros, a sophomore health studies major.

Even cold and sometimes drizzling rain did not dampen student spirits for the game.

"I think it's great that all the students come out and support the team even through the rain," said Tony Muse, a senior marketing and management major.

Students said tailgating was a continuation of Homecoming celebrations.

Tailgating is a new experience to some transfer students and freshman, but a final experience for others.

"This is my first time tailgating. It is something everybody should experience before leaving EIU," said Paul Lotz, a junior physical education major.

"This is my first tailgate ever because I am usually on the sidelines with the team and today is my birthday, so I am hoping to have fun," said Brad Miller, a sophomore physical education major.

Some students were sad this would be their last year at Eastern.

"I am glad I got to experience my last Homecoming tailgate with my girls," said Molly Vivion, a senior family and consumer sciences major. "I will definitely miss it."

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## Freezing weather may not be indication of winter ahead

♦ *Local weather observer forecasts a mild winter, but colder than last year*

By Carly Mullady  
STAFF WRITER

Although Sunday night's first freeze warning marks the drop in the thermometer for the area, this year's winter is expected to be relatively mild.

Dalias Price, local weather observer, said there will still be many weeks of autumn temperatures ranging from the brisk mid-40s to pleasant mid-70s and winter weather shouldn't be expected to begin with full force any time before the beginning of

December.

Price said the daylight hours are becoming shorter, which is a sign of stepping into autumn and leading toward winter.

Sunday night the National Weather Service issued a freeze warning predicting the first freeze of the season with temperatures dropping into the upper 20s.

"What I call early winter begins in the first or second week of December," Price said.

Temperatures generally stay right around freezing at this time, but Price said gradually become colder as the season progresses.

"Our winters can be mean," Price said.

However, Price said this year's

forecast is a mild one, although not as mild as last year. Price predicts an average winter, slightly warmer than most but not nearly as comfortable as the 2001-2002 winter.

The comfort decreases into mid-December when Midwestern winter weather kicks in, commencing the seasonal snowfall, which is on average 17 inches per season.

Price said he doesn't expect much more than average snowfall, but also doesn't foresee much less.

Following the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, Dec. 21, daylight hours slowly begin getting shorter.

"I always look forward to Jan.

*"I always look forward to Jan. 16. That's when winter's half over."*

— Dalias Price, local weather observer

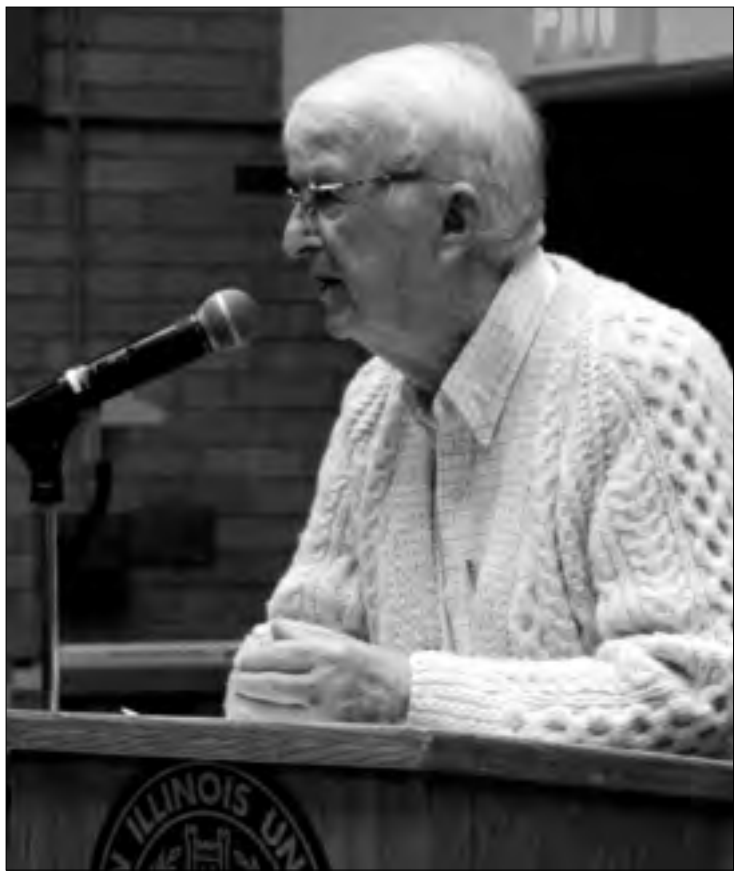
16," Price said. "That's when winter's half over."

From Jan. 16 on, Price said the temperatures gradually increase for another month or so as the season begins its transition into spring.

As for the weather leading up to winter, it should remain mild. Hurricane season is almost over so there won't be many atmospheric variations causing storms or other weather changes here in

the Midwest.

Price, who has been supplying the East Central Illinois region with weather information for most of his life, compares past and present average temperatures that lead to his forecasts. By analyzing precipitation levels and temperature ranges in short time spans and comparing them with those in the past, Price can determine what to expect in the future.



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Col. Joseph Kelly talks to students and faculty about his World War II experiences in the Physical Science lecture hall on Friday afternoon.

## Eastern alumnus tells WWII stories

By Emily Swisher  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern graduate Col. Joseph Kelly informed his listeners about the adventures, hardships and experiences of World War II on Friday.

His son, Tony Kelly, welcomed the Eastern alumnus with a brief biography of his father.

Kelly graduated from Eastern with a degree in chemistry in 1938. He was planning on teaching in the fall and instead decided to join the Navy to make some extra money. He was accepted into the Navy flight school the summer after graduation.

While he was in the Navy, Kelly flew in 92 combat missions. He became a lieutenant after two and a half years of fly-

ing school.

Kelly was placed in London during the World War II. He also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

While Kelly attended Eastern, he was a member of the Sigma Delta fraternity and he was also the business manager for the Warbler yearbook.

Carly LaMonica, a sophomore psychology major, was very impressed with Kelly's speech.

"His stories about being in combat made me realize how grateful I am to all veterans of war. The courage that Mr. Kelly possessed is extremely admirable," LaMonica said.

Kelly was also inducted to the Livingston C. Lord Society for graduates of Eastern who have celebrated their 50th class reunion.

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## Race breaks numerous records



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A group runs down 7th street just north of Lincoln Avenue during the 2.5k run/walk Saturday morning.

◆ *Third annual Homecoming run had 140 racers entered this year*

By Shannon Partain  
STAFF WRITER

The third annual Homecoming 2.5 K race set new records Saturday morning.

This year's race had more people in it than any other year, as well as record-breaking runners.

*"We had 140 people finish the race.*

*That's the most ever."*

—John Pommier

"We had 140 people finish the race. That's the most ever," said John Henry Pommier, associate professor of recreation administration and race organizer.

A lot of the categories were filled, which is also a first, Pommier said.

Justin Weiss, an Eastern alumnus, finished first with a record-breaking time of seven minutes and 20 seconds.

Weiss said he used to be on the Eastern track and cross country teams, and after college just "kept the running up." Weiss runs in about three or four local races a year.

Weiss has run in the Homecoming race all three years it has been offered. Last year, he came in first place, and the previous year finished second.

"It's all about the fun," Weiss said. "A guy with a beer ran with me for a little while. He was having fun I guess, and that's what it's all about."

Racers had several reasons for signing up to race, from wanting to stay in shape to participating for points for their fraternity or sorority.

Janiene Cler, a freshman undecided major, said she signed up for the race because she saw the sign



STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A group of girls wait for the start of the 2.5k run/walk Saturday morning on the corner of 7th and Lincoln Avenue.

in the Recreation Center and thought it would be fun.

"It was a lot harder than I thought it would be. Right now I hurt too much to do it again, but maybe next year I'll be up for it," Cler said.

Meanwhile, Emily Darelus, a senior family and consumer science major, said she ran not only for her sorority, but to stay in shape for the marathon she runs every summer.

## Lecture explores Hawaiian lands

By Alta King  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The Department of Geology/Geography; Sigma Gamma Epsilon, a national honor society for the earth sciences; and the National Association of Geology Teachers will sponsor a talk by Robert Jorstad, professor of geology and geography, titled "Hawaii: Basalt and Beaches" for the 2002 National Earth Sciences Week, Oct. 13-19.

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 3040 of the Physical Science Building.

The program is designed to provide each student with a

strong, broad background in geology and/or geography, yet is sufficiently flexible to allow students freedom to follow their own interests, the geology/geography department Web site said.

The talk will be about the different geological features of Hawaii, including the beaches and volcanic eruptions, Jorstad said.

"I was there (in Hawaii) this summer to witness the eruption of Mount Kilauea," Jorstad said.

Mount Kilauea has continuously erupted since 1983 and there are times when it erupts more violently, like it did this summer, Jorstad said.

"Part of Hawaii had to be closed down because of the eruption," Jorstad said.

This is the third year of Earth Science Week at Eastern. Unfortunately, Earth Science Week is abbreviated this year because of Fall Break and midterms, Jorstad said.

"(Hawaii: Basalt and Beaches) is the only lecture we're holding this year," Jorstad said.

All are welcome to attend the talk, especially anyone interested in Hawaii, volcanoes and beaches.

"This won't be a technical talk," Jorstad said.

# Action team to target financial aid, tuition

◆ Student lobbyists head to Springfield in December

By John Chambers  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Action Team, a group of students organized through Student Government to lobby for Eastern's interests, will not be able speak to legislators in Springfield this year until December.

Marty Ruhaak, student vice president for public affairs who has been a member of the team for three years, said the team met for the first time this semester with Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, to prepare the 27 students on the team for "what you can expect in the typical lobbying trip."

Ruhaak said the team will wait until December to lobby because of the pending change in the governor and legislature positions, since early polls show the House of Representatives and Senate will change over to Democratic leadership.

He said students lobbying try to attend an Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting and speak to legislators individually in an attempt to persuade them to keep Eastern in mind when considering issues the team is pushing toward.

Ruhaak said the team will focus on lobbying for tuition caps and state grant funding cuts toward fifth-year math students.

He said the tuition caps would stop legislators from raising tuition rates past a certain percentage.

"I'm kind of skeptical on the tuition cap," he said. "All the universities are kind of throwing out that idea."

He said student lobbyists will meet with committees that are involved in appropriating money to higher education.

The state's ranking in higher

education has dropped since 2000, according to a report from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

However, the report said Illinois is leading in the top performing states for supplying students need-based financial aid, but funding is one issue the team will focus on this year.

The team will be much more student-orientated this year, since the focus on grants and tuition caps are issues that directly affect students, Ruhaak said.

The team has previously pushed for such issues as increases in teacher salaries and money for campus capital development, but this year the team will emphasize university budget.

"I think the number one priority is trying to secure enough money," he said. "That's our number one goal."

Student Government held a voter drive last month to register voters for the Nov. 5 elections in an effort to show legislators student backing in the polls.

Ruhaak said only around 700 students were registered, but legislators could still notice Eastern's push to increase voter turnout.

"Not every university has a voter drive like we do," he said. "Seven hundred out of 11,000 is not a majority by any means."

Ruhaak said it is hard to earn support from legislators if they know students are not a major force in electing them to office.

He said there is a scheduled day next semester at the capital where the team and other university organizations such as the marching band travel to Springfield to promote Eastern.

"You show off Eastern," he said.

Ruhaak said the team is done accepting official members, but students can lobby in Springfield as unofficial members, and new members could join to lobby spring semester.

# Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Nu win at game show float-making

◆ "The Price is Right," "Celebrity Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune" take top parade honors

By Shannon Partain  
STAFF WRITER

"Double Dare," "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy," "Press your Luck," "Family Feud" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" were some of the game show favorites that were converted into floats during the "Life's a Game Show at EIU" Homecoming parade Saturday morning.

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Nu won first place for floats with their "The Price is Right" float. Sigma Pi and Delta Zeta came in second with their "Saturday Night Live" version of "Jeopardy" float which featured Anna Nicole Smith and Sean Connery. Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon placed third with their "Wheel of Fortune" float.

Megan Mallaney, junior family and consumer science major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, said, "I'm glad that all of our hard work paid off."

Sarah Hailey, a junior English major and parade committee member, said that floats are judged for several things.

"Floats are judged on creativity, school spirit and neatness," Hailey said. "Moving parts on the float are also a big part of judging."

Hailey said the parade had 102 floats and walkers. This included businesses, churches, residence halls, high schools, on- and off-campus non-profit organizations and politicians.

Some of the politicians who appeared in the parade included Dale Righter, Chapin Rose and John Hayden.

Nancy Kingery, Carman dining service employee, walked for her union, The American Federal



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Cailin Gray, 6, and Ashtyn Wilhelm, 3, of Charleston stand on 7th Street and wait for people to throw candy Saturday morning during the Homecoming parade.

State and County Municipal Employees.

"We should have bought more candy, we ran out early," Kingery said.

The many onlookers who lined Sixth and Seventh streets to see the parade cheered and laughed

as the floats went by.

"This was my first EIU Homecoming," said Lisa Blomberg, a junior finance major, who just transferred to Eastern. "The floats were original and looked like a lot of time was put into them."

# Senate walking campaign hits the pavement this week

By John Chambers  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

For the final time this week, the Student Government will be encouraging students to put down their car keys and lace up their sneakers.

Student Government will conclude its walking campaign by this Friday, said Allison West, chair of the Student Senate's University Development and Recycling Committee.

The Recycling committee, along with the Shuttle Bus committee, began earlier this semester to encourage students to walk instead of drive to cam-

pus.

The campaign has been mostly promoted by word of mouth, but this week flyers and posters will be posted in places such as the residence halls and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, West said.

Teachers from the health studies department were also asked to promote the campaign by possibly speaking to their classes about walking benefits, said Lindsey Baum, chair of the Shuttle Bus committee.

"If you live in Carman, you shouldn't be driving to class," West said at a Parking Committee meeting. "The peo-

ple that complain about this (parking problems) are people that shouldn't be driving to class."

She said the posted information will emphasize health, cost and environmental benefits with facts or statistics about information such as emission amounts in the environment released from vehicles, or the amount of calories burned by walking.

She said after the campaign ends this week students will hopefully be left with healthier ideas of how to get to class.

"Everything from there on in is just hoping people will take

advantage of the information we provided," West said. "It's one of those things where it's more what we're doing to just give people an alternative."

West previously told *The Daily Eastern News* that more students walking will help curb the battle between faculty, underclassmen and upperclassmen for parking spaces, all of whom gained parking spots over the summer.

West said the walking campaign is not an effort to fix campus parking issues, but only to foster part of a solution.

"Obviously there is a parking problem," she said. "This is in

no way to alleviate the parking problem."

West said the Shuttle Bus Committee will help with the posters and flyers, encouraging Student Senate members and senate committees to work together, especially since the committee's duties are limited to the bus issues and scheduling.

"Basically in the winter we see an overcrowding of the bus," Baum said.


She said if students start walking now to class, the shuttle bus might not be as crowded if the number of riders increases with colder weather.

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## EDITORIAL

# Fine arts forum a good start

Fine arts students last week had the opportunity to vocalize their concerns stemming from the Doudna Fine Arts Center renovation along with other issues facing them.

A crowd of more than 30 students was joined by four administrators: James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Roger Stoner, chair of the music department and John Oertling, chair of the theater arts department.

Organized by the Student Government, the event was a part of the organization's new student representation system started last spring. Those in attendance addressed art studio hours and concerns about the marching band in addition to other concerns.

The forum was a good idea for students to communicate their concerns to the faculty. It also was good that fine arts administrators listened to the students' concerns. Now action needs to take place to address those concerns. Last week's forum does no good if things stay the same.

Students are the driving force of the university. If they are not happy, it will reflect on the school's future enrollment. This is especially important since fine arts students are inconvenienced with the ensuing construction. Administrators need to try their hardest to make the fine arts students happy.

The fine arts transition has not been an easy one, especially with the delays in the construction of the art buildings. Continuing problems may result in fine arts majors transferring to other schools and a decrease in the number of fine arts majors coming to Eastern.

Issues are not solved simply by talking about them at a forum. Administrators need to work to remedy the issues, sooner rather than later.

Though there is a security concern with the operating hours of Art Park West, a solution needs to be found. Students deserve the same conditions they would have if they were in the original facility. If that is not possible, accommodations need to be made.

Thank you, fine arts administrators, for taking the time to listen to the fine arts students, but that forum means very little if you do not work on solving the concerns they have shared.

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

## OPINION

# Enjoy the 'little things' in life



Michelle Jones  
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Enjoy the little things in life. Don't take things too seriously. Laugh a little — or a lot.

It seems like I'm constantly mourning this year, it being my last year and all. It seems every time I sit down to write something, it's about how I don't want to leave Eastern. It seems everything I do, I think, this is my last fill-in-the-blank here — my last retreat, my last Homecoming weekend, etcetera. I'm trying to learn it will be OK to let go.

These things are just the little things in life, right? So it's no big deal to let go, right? The big things in life are graduating, getting a job, owning a car and a house, marrying, having a family and everything like that, right?

But little things in life should be appreciated, too — appreciated and sometimes laughed at.

Last Sunday I was driving along a country road. It was raining, so my windshield wipers were turned on. All of a sudden, a bird flew in front of me. In a matter of seconds, I first thought it had just flown by; then I feared I had hit it, but I wasn't sure. Then, up came the windshield wiper with a bird stuck to it. I began to freak out and asked, "What am I supposed to do? How do I get it off?" I was answered with, "I don't know." So, great. I decided maybe I could make it fly off if I turned up the windshield wipers. Guess what — that didn't work.

*"It's a little thing that doesn't mean anything in the whole scheme of the world, but it was a funny story to tell later."*

Instead, it just flew up and down faster.

Eventually, I pulled over. Some girls might be fine with pulling a dead bird off of her car, but not me, so I relied on the nice guy in my car while I burst into tears.

It was traumatic then, but it's funny to me now. It's a little thing that doesn't mean anything in the whole scheme of the world, but it was a funny story to tell later.

Some things we really take for granted. Last week I was walking quickly through campus when I realized I needed to slow down. Now, with the weather turning to freezing, I'll probably go back to working on my speed walking skills, but on that nice day, I forced myself to walk slower and pay attention. Sure, it was just the South Quad — its browning grass, its hole in the ground — but it's a sight I won't see every day next year.

And now this weekend, I saw my last Homecoming as a student come and go. I woke up

early to walk to the parade. After the parade, one of my best friends and I spent the time before the game buying glitter hair spray and blue and silver ribbons and doing our hair. Then there was the football game. Why is a football game important? If graduating, getting a job and owning a house are the big important things in life, why do we have dedicated players, cheerleaders, dancers and fans who stay all game whether it's raining or sunny?

The football game was incredible, and those who didn't come or who left early really missed out. The tension was great; pulling off a touchdown for a win in the last 2.4 seconds of the game was awesome. It was a little thing, but what a little thing!

Even if Eastern had lost, Homecoming still would have been an awesome time because I shared it with some of my friends, those still with me at Eastern and a couple who came back to visit.

Friends are a great gift words cannot explain. They really make the little things in life fun, and the best thing is they'll still be your friends even when you do have to graduate and move on to the "real world."

Enjoy the little things in life — or are these things the big things in life? I would argue they are big things and are even more important than the other "big things" in life.



## YOUR TURN: LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Congratulations to king runner-up

I think congratulations are in order for Brian Buesing of Stevenson Hall, the first runner up for homecoming king, for showing the Eastern community that Homecoming is an event to be celebrated by the entire community and not just select groups. I'm sure it takes a lot of courage to get

up in front of hundreds of people at coronation, endure an interview process, and then allow your peers to vote for or against you. I can imagine this process would be even more nerve-racking when the odds are stacked against you. I just wanted to tell Brian congratulations and that his friends,

residence hall community and sister are very proud of him.

Wendy Buesing  
graduate student in clinical psychology

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# Pep rally gets campus pumped

By Jack Foran  
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming weekend kicked off with flair as a large number of students attended the pep rally Friday night at O'Brien Stadium.

Music, dancing and games were just a few of the events that took place during the fun-filled evening.

Perhaps the biggest applause of the evening came when football coach Bob Spoo, accompanied by the football team, made his way onto the field to say a few words. Spoo knew how to get the crowd pumped up for the game, but he also had some pearls of wisdom.

"Football is a game of emotion," Spoo said, and he went on to explain that it was the fans who could bring out the best of that by supporting the team.

The players later went on to perform a dance number with the Cheer Team and present a signed football to Shelley Molt, this year's Homecoming queen.

The marching band began the festivities with "The Star Spangled Banner," and followed with the Eastern fight song, for which got the whole crowd on its feet.

Making their Homecoming debut, the Black Student Union's new dance group Jolie also made quite an impact, as they soon had the audience clapping and dancing in tune to the music.

Other highlights included the Cheer Team and the Pink Panthers dancing to Mellencamp's "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A." and the contests "Who Wants to be a Mascot" and "Name That Tune."



STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Kulp, a sophomore business major, gets the crowd excited at the Homecoming pep rally Friday night. Kulp transformed himself into "The Hip Cat" for the "Who Wants to be a Mascot" competition, which he won.

The three finalists for the "Who Wants to be a Mascot" competition performed their routines for the crowd, and the Cheer Team chose the best mascot. The victor, Matt Kulp, a sophomore business major, known as the "Hip Cat," received a DVD player and a \$50 gift certificate for the Union book store for his efforts.

"Name That Tune" consisted of a group of contestants competing

against each other in a race to see who could name a certain song the fastest.

Songs ranged from early hits like Michael Jackson's "Beat It" to more recent tunes like Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back."

The pep rally accomplished its mission as crowd members left cheering and excited for Saturday's game.

# Greeks, dance groups 'Step for Excellence'

By Anee Bohrer  
STAFF WRITER

Stomping, clapping and military-style chants ricocheted off the Student Recreation Center walls Saturday night during the "Stepping for Excellence ... this Century and Beyond," step show presented by the National Panhellenic Council as part of Homecoming 2002 festivities.

The event had a full house, with numerous alumni who returned to support their friends as well as greek brothers and sisters.

The event began with a performance by Treasure, an all-female quartet who sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," with mellow, soulful reverence.

Next, Monique Cook-Bey, assistant director of Student Life, welcomed the crowd and introduced the emcee for the evening, professional comedian Maurice G'.

Beginning his routine with a roll call of all the greek organizations, Maurice G' frequently made fun of the manner in which they responded, as well as razzing the deejay for his choice of music.

He did transitional stand-up between acts, giving the performers time to set up. It was all in good humor, however, for none of the organizations reacted with offense, but instead laughing along with him.

The evening featured performances by the following organizations, fraternities and sororities:

Unity Step Team, Lambda Theta Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Jolie Dance Group, the University of Illinois' house style/dance group House Arrest, Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta.

Before declaring the winners of the step show, Maurice G' surprised the audience by representing his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, with a short group freestyle performance featuring a few of his fraternity brothers.

Everyone enjoyed a good laugh when he slipped in the middle of a step and landed flat on his butt, after all his joking about everyone else's shortcomings throughout the night.

Humbly, he laughed and announced the winners, Delta Sigma Theta for the sororities, and Alpha Phi Alpha for the fraternities.

Each group had put together elaborately complex, long routines that progressively increased in rhythm and momentum, including both hip hop and step, fast frenzy and slower rhythms, and stood out in posh costumes.

Keanna Mahone, a sophomore finance major, was proud of the performances because, "(This performance) gave African Americans a chance to show their unique talents. Everybody had a fair chance."

Raquel Clayton agreed, adding that, "It was way better than last year. The Alpha's were hot."

# State begins clemency hearings

CHICAGO (AP) — At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, members of Illinois' Prisoner Review Board will begin revisiting a quarter century worth of the state's most vicious crimes.

For nine days, they will call the names of almost every resident of the state's death row. They will listen as a parade of lawyers and family members of victims try to persuade them that the death sentences imposed by juries up and down the state should — or should not — be carried out.

In all, at least 140 of the state's 160 death row inmates will get a hearing, either in Chicago or in Springfield. It is the largest number the board has ever considered at one time, and likely the largest number for any state at one time.

"This is remarkably historic and without precedent," said David Elliot, of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "All

eyes in the death penalty movement are on Illinois."

In the end, any decision on clemency will be up to Gov. George Ryan. There has been speculation that if the hearings turn up a hint of just one more innocent person, Ryan will grant clemency to all. He has suggested in recent months that he might grant a blanket clemency, but he has not made clear how he would come to such a decision.

Ryan, a Republican, has been at the center of the national debate on capital punishment since he imposed a moratorium on executions nearly three years ago. In March, he said he would review each case before he leaves office in January.

"He fears there is another Anthony Porter case or another Rolando Cruz case out there," Ryan spokesman Dennis Culloton said, referring to men sentenced to die

and later freed. Porter was released after evidence showed somebody else committed the crime, and Cruz after being acquitted in a third trial.

The hearings are scheduled to last about an hour each, during which each side will present its case and answer questions. The board won't make any public findings, but will make recommendations to the governor.

Defense attorneys are expected to attack the death penalty on two fronts. They will say the capital punishment system in Illinois is so deeply flawed that it cannot be trusted. And they will try to poke holes in specific cases.

"A number of cases the board will hear rest upon unreliable evidence," said Thomas Geraghty, a law school professor at Northwestern University who is handling three cases this week.

# Olney salutes squirrels

OLNEY (AP) — One woman drove from New Hampshire, her pet squirrel Winky in the back seat.

This Midwestern prairie town, home to a rare colony of albino squirrels, attracted squirrel nuts from across the country Saturday as it marked 100 years since the little genetic accidents were first spotted here.

The colony of about 200 albino squirrels is one of three known in North America, said John Stencil, a retired zoology professor who has studied the squirrels for 36 years. They are all white, with pink eyes.

The other colonies are in Marionville, Mo., and Kenton, Tenn. "But this is the nuttiest place," he said.

Olney police officers wear big squirrel patches on their uniforms. City ordinances demand fines of up to \$750 for anyone who tries to "hunt, shoot, pursue, lure, kill,

destroy, capture, gig or spear, trap or ensnare or harass" any squirrel, white or otherwise, within city limits.

Roads have marked squirrel crossings that are placed at high-risk squash zones. Cats are supposed to be kept on leashes. But, "we don't really enforce that one," said Officer Tim Dunahee.

Stencil has led local residents in an annual count of the colony for years — it has remained generally the same size — but this year he and others decided to make a thing of it, since the albinos were first spotted in the area in 1902.

There was a 5K "scamper", pin-the-tail-on-the-squirrel games, a squirrel-themed parade and souvenirs for sale. The festival will end with the dedication of a \$1,300 monument in the city park, during which a local priest will issue forth a "squirrel blessing."

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# Homecoming draws attention of town, campus



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Above: Members of the Eastern Marching Blue march down Seventh Street and entertain the crowd during the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning.

Right: Caitlin Gray, 6, and Ashtyn Wilhelm, 3, of Charleston stand on 7th Street and wait for people to throw candy Saturday morning during the Homecoming parade.



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A representative of Bike-n-Hike shows off some of his moves by jumping over people on 7th street during the Homecoming parade Saturday morning.



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Homecoming king John Scaletta, of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, rides down Seventh Street with Homecoming queen Shelley Molt, of Sigma Kappa Sorority, during the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning.



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Members of the Charleston Police Department stand on 7th street across from a fraternity gathering Saturday morning.

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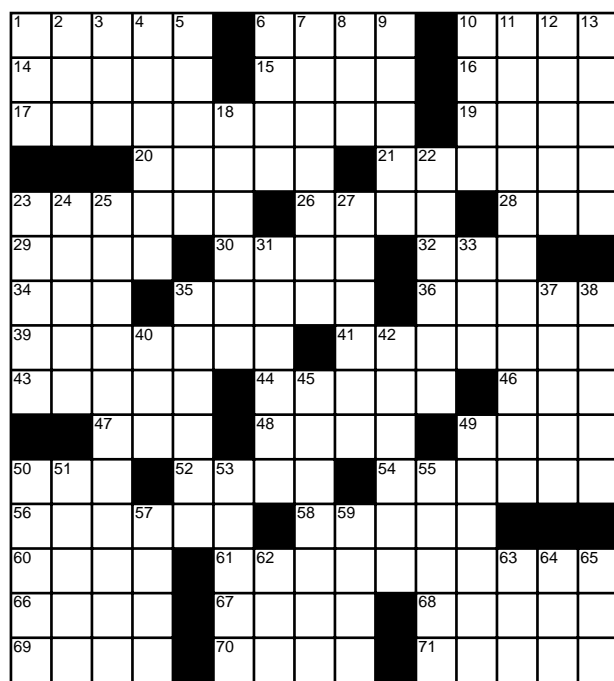
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





# Investigators defend lack of information in sniper case

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Investigators hunting an increasingly brazen sniper defended their meager release of information, saying Sunday they don't want the killer to know what they know.

Authorities pointed to the dangerous balance between pleading for public help and revealing too much.

"We don't want to release anything that may cause ... anyone to think they're a suspect," said Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent Mike Bouchard.

Montgomery County police Chief Charles Moose, meanwhile, has cut back on his news briefings while saying he wishes there was more he could reveal.

"I wish we could give you a name, a mug shot and an address but we're not at that point," he said in one of four appearances he made Sunday on national TV talk shows.

Moose has become the public face of a massive task force investigating a random shooter who has fired a single round into each of 10 victims, killing eight, in suburban Washington since Oct. 2.

The last killing occurred Friday morning, when a 53-year-old father of six was shot while fueling his sedan in a gas station just south of Fredericksburg, Va. At the time, a state trooper stood just 50 yards away, investigating a traffic accident.

Also Sunday, calls continued to flood tipster hot lines with information about white box trucks and a second white vehicle, a Chevrolet Astro van, seen at two or more of the killing sites.

And authorities began describing the serial sniper as not just a local threat, but an attempt to terrorize an already anxious nation.

"This reminds us that people in our past have tried to intimidate and put fear into Americans," Moose said. "This a strong nation ... and we will not be intimidated."

At the sprawling Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, Md., pastor C.J. Mahaney urged Sunday worshippers to turn off their televisions and turn to God.

"I am concerned there is too little faith and too much fear," the preacher said from the pulpit.

Eighty-six-year-old Frances Pratt attended morning services at St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, a few miles north of the latest shooting. "I don't worry," Pratt said. "Sooner or later he'll be caught. They always are."

At Landover, Md., police on horseback and bicycles ringed parking areas before Sunday's Washington Redskins pro football game against the New Orleans Saints. Fans grilling burgers at tailgate parties said they welcomed the rifle-toting officers.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind would try something out here," said fan Bill Freitag, of Virginia Beach, Va. "But he's not in his right mind to begin with."

The victims, in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., were shot as they carried out daily errands, including mowing grass, shopping and pumping gas. Four were killed at service stations.

County, state and federal investigators won't say if they know much about the killer, whose only apparent communication to police was a tarot card left at one shooting scene with the words, "Dear Policeman, I am God."

Moose refused to comment on reports that the FBI has asked the Pentagon to search its records for recently discharged GIs who had gone through sniper school. FBI spokesman Mike Saltz declined to comment on any investigative leads and the ATF's Bouchard said: "I don't think you need special training. Obviously the person has practiced before."

# War looming, wary Iraqis vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The victory rallies are set and the tributes are ready. In an Iraqi yes-or-no vote on re-electing Saddam Hussein, the only cliffhanger in Tuesday's vote is whether the two-decade Iraqi leader will beat his last showing: 99.96 percent.

In Iraq, where many believe war with the United States is coming, that 1995 result for Saddam is now seen as somewhat tepid.

"This time, 100 percent!" worker Mayad Aiwan cried Sunday. "Because the Iraqi people love our leader!"

But as the ballot on which only Saddam's name appears suggests, it's not as if Saddam's people have much choice.

Shopkeepers hung banners on dreary storefronts Sunday, the new white sheets and cheerful red, green, blue and yellow lettering the only bright spots in a smoggy city choked by a decade of international isolation and sanctions on Saddam's regime.

"Yes, yes, yes Saddam!" "Iraq will win,

God save our leader!" the banners in Arabic proclaimed, in slogans repeated with modest variations on posters nationwide.

"Yes, yes, yes Saddam! No, no, no USA!" declared one such sheet, in English, on a school wall on the road to a complex that Washington has targeted as an alleged nuclear site. Scarved girls in braids played in the schoolyard.

In what rights groups universally call one of the world's most oppressive regimes, it is difficult to determine how ordinary Iraqis truly view the ballot.

On Baghdad's streets, people voiced support for Saddam similar to that found on the slogans.

All were questioned Sunday in the presence of a government-appointed minder, officially required of all foreign press.

"This vote will be the challenge of the Iraqi people to the United States," engineer Achmed Abdul Sahib said outside a city bus station. "More than last time. More than 99 percent."

But there was only silence after an awkward question was posed in the presence of the minder: Why the 0.04 percent "no" vote in the last Saddam election?

Curious soldiers stopped and clustered behind the minder, who froze in hesitation at the question and sagged in relief after being told he didn't have to answer.

Iraq's media estimate more than 11 million Iraqis will cast ballots on Saddam's election.

Most polling places are schools. Iraqis ages 18 and above will enter with their voter cards, and be handed the ballot with the "Yes" or "No" boxes.

Iraq already has announced celebrations "like a wedding night" for Saddam's election victory. Artists tell newspapers what tributes they will present the victor.

Many Iraqis — who say they see the United States picking a fight with their country at a time when life here was getting a little better — say their vote for Saddam will be a vote of defiance to the United States.

# Man tries to get off work by reporting he saw sniper

STAFFORD, Va. (AP) — A fast-food restaurant manager was arrested Sunday for allegedly reporting a rooftop sniper in an attempt to get a day off from work, sheriff's deputies said.

Stafford County authorities closed a milelong stretch of highway and evacuated at least five businesses in response to the 911 call, Sheriff Charles Jett said.

Deputies traced the call to Richard L. Jones, 25, manager of the Burger King in the plaza where the gunman was reported, Jett said.

The sheriff said Jones told authorities he made the call because he was living out of his car and wanted the day off to find a place to live.

Stafford is between Manassas and Fredericksburg, two communities that in the past four days have recorded killings linked the suburban Washington, D.C., serial sniper.

A gunman has shot at 10 people, killing eight, in suburban Washington since Oct. 2.

Jones was charged under a new state law aimed at stopping terrorism hoaxes. The statute makes it a felony to falsely report a possible terrorist act with the intent to "intimidate or panic the civil population or compel evacuation," Jett said.

Deputies also charged Jones with filing a false police report and obstruction of justice.

Jones was jailed without bond Sunday night. A court date was not immediately set.

# Gas prices up after months of lower prices nationwide

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Retail gasoline prices jumped almost 3 cents during the past two weeks, the first major spike in prices in six months, an industry survey indicated.

The average price for gas nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.4859, up 2.93 cents from the previous survey Sept. 27, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

Continued strong crude oil prices, plus higher demand at the pump, contributed to the rise in prices, analyst Tribby Lundberg

said Sunday.

"Fears about the Middle East crisis have kept crude oil prices high," she said, adding that travelers' continued reluctance to fly was also a factor.

Until the latest survey, the price of gasoline had remained steady since April 5, Lundberg said.

The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-serve pumps Friday was about \$1.45 a gallon for regular, \$1.55 for mid-grade and \$1.64 for premium.

# Enron merely a shadow of former self a year after fall

HOUSTON (AP) — A year after Enron Corp.'s public facade as a thriving global energy behemoth began to crumble, only hints of those heady days remain in the company's 50-story headquarters.

Former chairman Kenneth Lay's corner office on the top floor, with its view of the city skyline — and what used to be called Enron Field, before the embarrassed Houston Astros changed the name — is vacant.

The 2,000 workers left in the building that once housed 7,500 are consolidated on half-empty floors. The Starbucks in the lobby remains open, but lines of java lovers are rare; most of Enron's now-14,000 workers worldwide work at the company's pipelines and power plants.

The cavernous board room for 15 directors is too spacious for the current slate of just four directors, none of whom were around for the financial sleight of hand that led to Enron's demise.

Interim chief executive Stephen Cooper, a restructuring expert, uses former CEO Jeffrey Skilling's office, which faces Enron's smaller twin building. Intended to showcase its once-envied trading operation, the bankrupt company last week sold the tower for less than half its \$240 million construction cost.

"It's not the same company," spokeswoman Karen Denne said.

But what Enron, No. 7 on the Fortune 500 list two years ago, retains is the image of corporate malfeasance it earned Oct. 16, 2001, when it revealed a \$618 million loss and eliminated \$1.2 billion of shareholder equity.

Those revelations opened the door to an elaborate knot of partnerships and off-balance-sheet debts that quickly fueled Enron's failure.

"It would have been unthinkable to imagine the events that were about to take place," said John Abraham, a former executive with the company's broadband unit.

# Feltt: Benefit fund still open at local bank for professor who was attacked

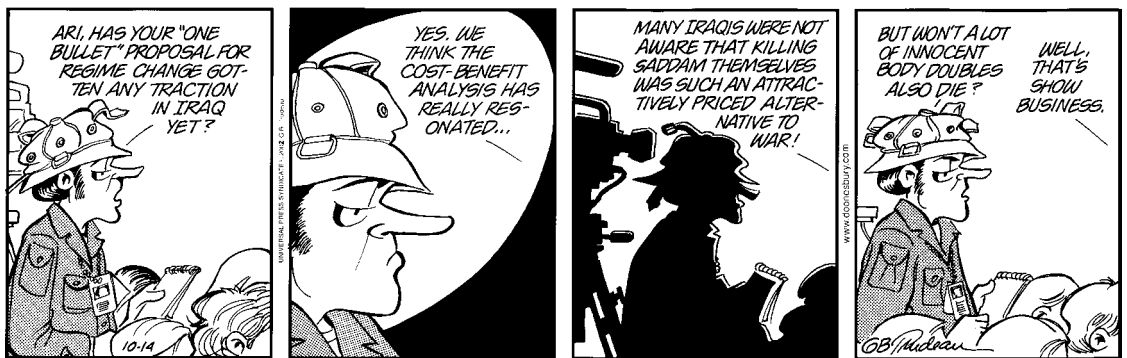
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The men attacked Feltt at 1:50 a.m. on Aug. 27 as he was leaving the Gregg Triad 24-hour computer lab.

Feltt was hospitalized at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon and Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind. for a brain hemorrhage, a skull fracture and a sinus infection. He was released from Good Samaritan Hospital on Sept. 12 and returned to teach Sept. 23.

He has ongoing dental work due to his injuries and a benefit fund has been set up at First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust to assist him with medical bills.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Panthers play through unhappy Homecoming

By Matt Williams  
STAFF WRITER

After dominating in two conference victories last weekend against Vanderbilt and Southern Methodist University, the Eastern men's soccer team knew it was not going to have it quite as easy this weekend.

Eastern (6-7, 2-2) played to the final whistle against Tulsa Sunday at Lakeside Field, but could not make a comeback as it fell to the Golden Hurricanes (8-5, 1-2) 2-1.

The teams played a scoreless first half with both teams creating few scoring opportunities.

The Colonels broke the tie 10 minutes into the second half on a deflection fooling freshman goalkeeper Ryan Eames.

Sophomore defender Scott Kincaid found the ball at his feet near the penalty spot and deflected it off a defender to get his first career goal for Tulsa.

The Golden Hurricanes then scored again on a counter-attack

sophomore forward Kyle Brown put in the back of the net. Brown picked up a rebound and sent the ball past Eames for his fourth goal of the season.

The Panthers did not let up their pressure and finally got on the board with just under eight minutes remaining in the game.

Senior defender Bobby Ewan sent the ball into the box that got deflected back to junior midfielder Chad Demonceaux, who slotted the ball into the corner of the net for his second goal of the season.

Eastern was unable to finish the comeback.

Eames had a solid effort in goal for the Panthers by recording nine saves. Several of his saves were on fast break opportunities which kept Eastern in the game.

"(Eames) played very well for us today," Eastern head coach Adam Howarth said. "He just did a real good job with everything."

The Panthers started the weekend with a little less effort than they had Sunday. Eastern was out-



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Eastern sophomore defender Lee Burke slides to kick the ball away from Tulsa's Michael Haynes.

played in a 4-0 loss to No. 5 Southern Methodist Friday.

"We challenged hard and worked hard today and we didn't get that Friday," Howarth said. "We couldn't get any breaks."

Senior midfielder Diego Walsh

paced the Mustangs (10-1-1, 3-0) with two goals and an assist while freshman Duke Hashimoto and sophomore Ryan Latham added a goal each.

Walsh got Southern Methodist on the board 14 minutes into the game

with a rebound shot that beat Eames into the left corner of the net.

The Mustangs would then score three second-half goals to earn a combined shutout for goalkeepers T.J. Tomasso and Ramez Shamieh. The Panthers were outshot 13-7.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Eastern plays to second-ever tie in OVC against Murray

By Matt Meinheit  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time in the existence of Ohio Valley Conference women's soccer, a game ended in a tie.

When Eastern's women's soccer team knotted Murray State at 1-1 Sunday in Murray, Ky., it was only the second game to end in a tie since the OVC added women's soccer in 1998. Sunday's tie was also

the Panthers' (6-6-2, 1-1-1) second tie of the season. The Panthers recorded a 1-1 tie against Bowling Green Sept. 8 at Lakeside Field.

In both of their ties this season, the Panthers have had to come back from a 1-0 deficit to prevent a loss.

Against Bowling Green, junior Rebecca Traen scored in the final two minutes of regulation to send the game into overtime.

The Racers (6-5-1, 2-0-1) struck

first Sunday with a goal by sophomore forward Kristin Robertson in the 12th minute of the game.

The evenly-matched teams continued without another goal for the remainder of the first half. Eastern was unable to find the net in eight attempts, while Robertson's goal was one of the Racers' seven shots in the first. Robertson's goal was just one of two shots on goal against Eastern sophomore goalie Lindsay Dechert. Eastern tied up

the game early in the second half. Senior midfielder Cara LeMaster scored an unassisted goal after the Murray goalie Karen Fitzharris blocked her first attempt and LeMaster recovered the rebound the ball and put it in the net from close range.

"I was real happy with the way we played," Murray State head coach Mike Minielli said.

"We were in the same boat we've been in all year long. We've got to

get that one more goal. We had chances to get it today. Eastern Illinois had chances, too."

The Panthers have three league games left before the conference tournament. The Panthers have Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin and Morehead State left on their schedule.

Next up for Eastern is the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. The two teams play noon Friday at Lakeside Field.

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FOOTBALL

# Kidd: It's never over as long as Romo's in

By Matt Williams  
STAFF WRITER

The Panther football team was fortunate to come away with a last-second victory over Eastern Kentucky Saturday — at least that is what Eastern Kentucky head coach Roy Kidd thinks.

The last thing one would figure is the team with the third-winningest coach in NCAA history would lose because of poor coaching.

Kidd gave his players credit for playing a hard-fought game, but says his coaches let them down in the crucial moments.

"The best team didn't win today," Kidd said. "We played our hearts out today. Coaching lost us that game."

With the Colonels leading 21-19 with just over three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter they decided to run the option on third down from Eastern's three yard line.

Colonels quarterback Travis Turner pitched the ball and it was fumbled back to the 15-yard-line forcing the Colonels to kick a field goal. The Colonels could have put the game away with a touchdown, but they had to settle for three points, making the Panthers only have to score once to win.

"We shouldn't have run that play," Kidd said. "I said 'how about the option,' not 'let's run the option.'"

The Panthers eventually marched down the field in 43 seconds resulting in a last-second touchdown run by senior quarterback Tony Romo from eight yards out.

Kidd was not at all surprised by the Panthers'



STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Panther senior quarterback Tony Romo drops back in the pocket to throw as junior tailback Andre Raymond blocks Eastern Kentucky defensive end Nick Hill. Eastern Kentucky head coach said Romo can be counted on for late-game heroics.

heroics.

"As long as that Romo guy is out there, the game isn't over," Kidd said.

Eastern Kentucky fumbled four other times in the game with the Panthers recovering two.

The biggest recovery came when senior line-backer Nick Ricks forced a fumble that was picked up by senior defensive back Obinno Coley and ran 37 yards for a touchdown. The

play gave Eastern a 13-7 lead.

Kidd was also unhappy with some of the officiating. Eastern Kentucky had 10 penalties for 87 yards with three of those coming on one drive in the third quarter and one nullifying a 62-yard run by Hudson.

"I thought the penalties were a little one-sided," Kidd said. "How many times did they call holding on (Eastern)? Not very many."

Historic:

## Colonels' run game dominated

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we've gone something like 90 yards in 10 seconds before," Romo said. "We actually wanted to start out the game in our hurry-up offense, but because of our field position and other things we didn't."

Eastern Kentucky gave the Panthers plenty of help on its final drive. The Colonels went 3-and-out and were starting plays with plenty of time left on the play clock.

It was uncharacteristic play for the Colonels (3-2, 1-1) who stuck with their running game-based offense and had plenty of success.

While Walter Payton Award candidate C.J. Hudson was held to 16 carries for 59 yards, junior tailback Terry Ennis carried the ball 25 times for 112 yards and one

touchdown.

"They executed extremely well," Spoo said. "They just really run the ball well."

The running game made the Panther defense misses many times early in the game. At the same time, the Colonels showed Eastern why they have the league's best defense.

"We had plenty of mental mistakes," Romo said. "We messed up about 10-15 times on offense today."

Romo completed 19 of 38 passes for 359 yards and two touchdowns, but Eastern Kentucky scored a touchdown and a field goal on his two interceptions. The Colonels contained the Panther running game 62 yards. Senior tailback J.R. Taylor led Eastern with 15 carries for 46 yards.

Eastern Kentucky drew first blood with a touchdown on a 3-play, 14-yard drive in the first quarter after Romo's first interception.

Eastern answered in the second quarter with a 71-yard pass to senior split end Will Bumphus and a 37-yard Obinno Coley fumble recovery.

"(Junior linebacker) Nick Ricks busted in there and it dropped right into my hand," Coley said. "I just looked over my shoulder and ran it in. But it was really Nick Ricks who made that play. Coach Spoo could've ran it downfield on that one."

Ricks had 15 tackles and was named the OVC defensive "Player of the Week" Sunday for his efforts. Romo earned OVC offensive "Player of the Week" honors.

The Colonels scored on a 5-yard Enis run late in the second quarter, which Eastern answered with a 17-yard pass from Romo to O'Neal to give the Panthers a 19-14 lead.

The Panthers didn't score in the third quarter and fell behind 24-19 after the Colonels scored on a touchdown and a 32-yard field goal.

## Bloomquist:

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under normal circumstances wouldn't seem like much, except for the next guy on the all-time win list had 96 and plenty of Panthers play in an arena named after him.

Eastern must find a way to bottle that aura the rest of the season and take it on the road, where three of its next five games will be.

If the aura is misplaced, Eastern will be forced to do things the old fashioned way by starting to make tackles and fewer mistakes.

Without aura, this year's version of the Panthers isn't magical at all and the only thing this season will be remembered for is Spoo's historic win. But if the Panthers live up to their aura-rific billing, Spoo's 97th win will only be a footnote.

## Stats & Stuff

Eastern 25, Eastern Kentucky 24  
EKU (4-3, 1-1) 7-7-7-3—24  
EIU (4-2, 2-0) 0-19-0-6—25

### SCORING PLAYS

First quarter  
EKU — 5:13: Antonio Brooks 7 pass from Travis Turner (Adam Smith kick)  
Second quarter  
EKU — 12:36: Will Bumphus 71 pass from Tony Romo (Steve Kuehn kick)  
EKU — 11:22: Obinno Coley 37 fumble recovery (Kuehn kick failed)  
EKU — 2:48: Terry Enis 5 run (Smith kick)  
EKU — 0:11: Devon O'Neal 17 pass from Romo (Romo pass failed)  
Third quarter  
EKU — 6:40: Andre Ralston 36 pass from Travis Turner (Smith kick)  
Fourth quarter  
EKU — 2:57: Smith 32 field goal  
EKU — 0:00: Romo 8 run (Romo rush failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	EKU	EIU
First downs	16	19
Rushes-yards	47-164	28-62
Passing yards	198	359
Att.-Comp.-Int.	11-21-0	19-38-2
Offensive plays-yds	68-362	66-421
Fumbles-lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-87	7-55
Punts-Average	5-36.8	3-43.3
Time of Possession	33:48	26:12

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: EKU — Ennis 25-112, Hudson 16-59, Turner 6-(-7). EIU — Taylor 15-46, Raymond 5-15, Robinson 1-1, Romo 7-0.  
Passing: EKU — Turner 11-21-0 for 198 yards, 2 TDs. EIU — Romo 19-38-2 for 359 yards, 2 TDs.  
Receiving: EKU — Miller 2-71, Ralston 2-73, Brooks 2-14, Liggin 1-17, Culver 1-9, Evans 1-8, Hudson 1-6. EIU — Raymond 7-67, O'Neal 4-46, Hopson 3-39, Osborne 2-92, Bumphus 2-76, Eller 1-39.

### Other OVC results

Alabama A & M 25, Tennessee State 21  
Southeast Missouri 50,  
Tennessee-Martin 35  
Murray State 31, Tennessee Tech 14

### Division I-AA Top 25 results

(1) Montana 39, Weber St. 7  
Massachusetts 20, (2) Maine 10  
(4) Appalachian St. 16, (5) Furman 15  
(6) Villanova 17, (24) Pennsylvania 3  
(7) Northwestern St. 40, SW Texas St 27  
Sacramento St 24, (8) N. Arizona 21  
(9) Eastern Illinois 25,  
(19) Eastern Kentucky 24  
Towson 23, (10) Lehigh 19  
Southern Illinois 42,  
(12) Northern Iowa 13  
(13) Western Illinois 22, Illinois St 17  
(14) Portland St. 34, Eastern Wash 31  
(15) Bethune-Cookman 49, Delaware St 7  
(16) Ga Southern 41, Western Carolina 24  
(17) Wm & Mary 16, Hofstra 3  
Virginia Military 27, (18) Wofford 16  
(20) Northeastern 38, Rhode Island 13  
Howard 28, (21) Florida A & M 24  
(22) Youngstown St 24,  
Florida Atlantic 17  
Stephen F Austin 17, (23) Nicholls St. 14  
(25) South Carolina St. 35, Norfolk St. 9

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◆ 1987: Eastern football loses 21-12 to Western Illinois in Bob Spoo's first season as head coach.

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## SPORTS

## Panther sports calendar

FRIDAY	Women's soccer vs. Tenn. Tech	Noon	Lakeside Field
	Men's soccer vs. Bradley	2:30	Lakeside Field
	Volleyball vs. Tennessee-Martin	7 p.m.	Lantz Arena
SATURDAY	Football at SEMO	1 p.m.	
	Rugby vs. Kansas	1 p.m.	
	Volleyball vs. Murray State	2 p.m.	Lantz Arena

## OUT OF BOUNDS

Nate Bloomquist  
SPORTS EDITOR'Aura' is  
Panthers'  
MVP

Panther senior quarterback Tony Romo said after Saturday's "don't call it a miracle" comeback 25-24 win over Eastern Kentucky, the team has a certain aura about it.

Where did that come from?

I remember a certain Chicago Bears team that had this same sort of aura last year, but somehow can't seem to find it.

Look no further, Dick Jauron—that aura is in Charleston. It must have got lost on the way down from Chicago and missed its exit on Interstate 57.

The rest of the Ohio Valley Conference beware, it is a power that can't be stopped.

The rowdy Panther fans might as well tear down the goalposts now because this OVC season is locked up.

Think that's jumping the gun? Then you didn't see what the Bears did to every team they played last year with the exception of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles don't play anywhere near the OVC.

Still not convinced? Ask the player.

"We just expect to win every game," Romo said. "There's an aura about this team that I could feel when I was out there walking on the field."

So there.

You didn't think the Panthers would go undefeated in the league on sheer talent, did you?

That's not the way football is played in these parts.

Could it be divine intervention?

Maybe there was a sudden gust of wind that helped push Romo that extra foot, or a little tug at his arms allowing him to extend the ball just over the goal line on his game-winning 8-yard scurry. Something special got into Romo that caused Panther head coach Bob Spoo to call his prized quarterback Tony "Michael Vick" Romo.

It's not like Romo practices that sort of thing often. Maybe there was a little something extra added to Romo's 45-yard pass to Alfred Osborne that allowed him to hold on despite a dislocated finger he suffered on the play.

But surely, whatever this aura is that Romo speaks of, it can't be confused with immense helpings of talent.

A talented team like Eastern wouldn't have missed as many tackles as the Panthers did in the first half. Talent would've found ways to frustrate the Colonels into passing the ball more.

A more talented team would've been able to connect on all of its extra point attempts and most of its field goals instead of only one extra point Saturday.

But this game was special; it gave Spoo win No. 97, which

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## FOOTBALL

Spoo, Romo  
make historic  
Homecoming

◆ Romo's last-second run gives Panthers win, puts Spoo in record books

By Nate Bloomquist  
SPORTS EDITOR

When Panther senior quarterback Tony Romo looks back at his career at Eastern he'll remember many touchdown passes.

But it will likely be his last-second 8-yard shuffle and stretch into the end zone in Saturday's game that he'll look back most fondly on.

The scramble clinched Eastern's 25-24 win over Eastern Kentucky in front of a Homecoming crowd far less than the 8,397 who stayed for the first three quarters at O'Brien Stadium.

But those who left missed what may have been one of the most dramatic comebacks in Eastern history.

"There were definitely moments where I thought about what I was going to say when we lost," Panther head coach Bob Spoo said. Spoo became Eastern's all-time winningest coach with the win, No. 97 of his 16-year career.

The Colonels nearly put the Panthers offense at a history-stopping cease-fire.

Romo fumbled and Eastern Kentucky recovered with 2:25 left in the game on the Panther 32-yard line. The Colonels went three and out and left Eastern with 42.8 seconds to move the ball from its own

25-yard line.

That would be all Romo and the Panthers would need.

Romo's run capped an 8-play, 75-yard drive powered by a pair of quick slant routes to junior flanker Devon O'Neal and a 45-yard pass to Alfred Osborne, which he bobbled but ultimately contained, putting Eastern (4-2, 2-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference) at the 8-yard line with 20 seconds left.

"That play wasn't really even meant for me," Osborne said. "I just ran hard and it seemed like when Tony did throw the ball up high it was like the crowd got really silent. I got my finger dislocated on the play."

After four unsuccessful tries including two penalties that moved the Panthers to the 3-yard line and then back to the 8, Romo broke loose and ran around the left side and stretched the ball just beyond the goal line before he was shoved out of bounds as time ran out.

"I felt pretty quick on that play," said Romo, who is not known for his ability to run. "I had thought about it on the plays before, but we were trying to go with some things we thought would work."

They didn't, forcing Romo to take matters on to his own feet.

"We expect to win," Romo said. "The defense made an unbelievable stop and that got me going. We just had an aura about us and I knew we were going to win."

Romo said his team has moved further down field in less time in practice. The Panthers practice a hurry-up style offense every Sunday.

"This isn't surprising at all,

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## VOLLEYBALL

## Still searching for answers, Eastern finds none

COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR  
Eastern sophomore middle hitter Shanna Ruxer spikes the ball over the reach of an Austin Peay hitter during Friday's 3-1 loss to the Lady Governors.By Matthew Stevens  
STAFF WRITER

After two months of inconsistent performances, the Panther volleyball team is now unsuccessfully trying anything and everything to win.

Panther fans may have thought they were seeing a completely different team on the floor during Homecoming weekend.

The Panthers were defeated Friday against Austin Peay 3-1 and lost to Tennessee Tech 3-2 Saturday.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler made several lineup adjustments in the pair of games this weekend.

Arguably, the most shocking switch was benching sophomore setter and two-year starter Lindsey Perkins in favor of freshman Nikki Fowler.

Fowler started the first game of Tuesday's match against Southeast Missouri State and saw more action this weekend after watching all of the last 17 matches from the bench.

"We have been looking for consistency out of certain positions," Winkeler said.

Winkeler also moved freshman Laura Schuette to libero in Game 4 Saturday after Sarah Niedoospital suffered an injury after she hit her head hard on the Lantz Arena floor.

"After she hit her head, we were all concerned that she wasn't going to medically finish the match but Laura did a good job passing the ball," Winkeler said.

Niedoospital continued to compete but was switched to outside hitter, a position she played during her senior year of high school.

The winless Homecoming weekend continued a

streak of losing 11 of its last 12 matches dating back to Sept. 14.

In Saturday's match against the Golden Eagles (5-12, 2-5), sophomore outside hitter Erica Gerth led the team with 22 kills and by earning 35 digs, she was one away from Sarah Niedoospital's school single-game dig record.

"She plays with a lot of maturity for a sophomore and is a team leader," Winkeler said.

Gerth rebounded from disappointing games against Austin Peay (6-12, 2-4) that included a minus .065 attack percentage and only six kills, which tied for her third-lowest performance all season.

The Panthers achieved a positive and a negative first in Saturday's match.

The Panthers got to the century mark in digs with 100, but also earned a negative hitting percentage (-.038) in game three against the Golden Eagles.

"We did a very good job to out-dig a very good volleyball team tonight," Winkeler said.

Winkeler was encouraged by the Panthers intensity and ability to play inspired volleyball after losing a heartbreaking match the night before against the Lady Governors.

"After last night, we seemed ready to play and we were excited to compete," Gerth said "We just didn't stay focused in another five setter."

This makes the Panthers 3-2 in five-game matches, but they had repeated chances to defeat Tennessee Tech.

"I must have gone back to serve at match point maybe six or seven times," Gerth said.

The loss drops the Panthers (6-14, 1-6) to eighth in the nine-team Ohio Valley Conference and leaves Winkeler searching for the lineup that will produce a win.

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Left: Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie (left) and interim President Lou Hencken (right) present Panther head football coach Bob Spoo (middle) with a plaque for becoming the winningest coach at Eastern.

Below: Panther junior flanker Devon O'Neal (No. 9) celebrates with junior flanker Dawanzelle Hopson who carries senior quarterback Tony Romo off the field. Romo made the game-winning touchdown run as time ran out in Eastern's 25-24 win over Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

