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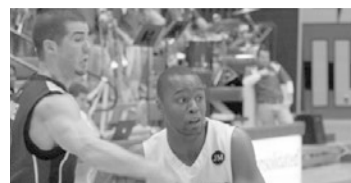
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### UNIVERSITY

# Furlough discussion on UPI agenda

## Union looking at members' opinions

By Sarah Ruholl  
Administration Editor

A new dish will likely be brought to the bargaining table when faculty and academic support staff renegotiate their union contracts this spring.

"I know that the administration wants to bargain with the chapter and UPI concerning furlough policy," said John Allison, president of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100. "It's not possible for me to say we will or we won't end up with some kind of furlough policy. It's a matter up for discussion at the

table. It is likely it will be discussed because the administration has an interest in a furlough policy. That interest doesn't mean that we have to agree to one."

The union's current contract will expire on Aug. 31. UPI has two units, Unit A is tenure and tenure-track faculty and Unit B is annually contracted faculty and academic support staff. The university adopted a furlough policy on Jan. 28.

As it stands, only non-negotiated employees are governed by it. The AFSCME Local 981 Clerical/Technical chapter included a policy that would allow furloughs to be negotiated when its contract was renewed this year.

No plans to implement the policy

have been announced, but President Bill Perry said the university might have to take action if state appropriated payments do not start coming in. Illinois' university presidents called for a schedule of payments to be set by state officials in a letter on Feb. 9.

"The idea of us having a furlough policy for a university is to give us another way of dealing with financial shortfalls," Perry said. "A lot depends on the schedule of payments of our general revenue appropriations. At this stage, I can't say that they're inevitable or not. I think it's fair to say, and we've said all along, that there are a number of ways we will try to deal with our financial situations. Furloughs and layoffs are at

the bottom of the list, but we've said all along there is some potential to use this."

Before the union makes any move to adopt or ignore furlough language, Allison said UPI will be looking at its members' opinions.

"I want to proceed very carefully by learning as much as I can from the chapter membership about what they think about furloughs," Allison said. "We're talking about something that has not yet come to pass."

The state's lack of payments has left students, faculty, staff and administration suffering.

"Students need to understand what's at stake for them; not just financially but the possibility of not receiving the educations that they

deserve," said Allison, an English professor. "If a lot of people are furloughed or laid off, of course those people are going to be affected financially and that will be painful because we all depend on an income in order to live our lives. It will also be detrimental to students who are just at the point of their lives where they are preparing for the rest of their work lives. Yes, there are financial difficulties, but surely we can find a way to insure that this generation of students enjoys something like the opportunities those of us who are older experienced."

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### CITY

# Charleston Public Library institutes new hours

## Several part-time positions cut as well as hours of operation

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

Eight part-time positions were cut from the Charleston Carnegie Public Library's pay roll on Friday.

This is the second round of adjustments the library administration has made since June 2009.

When the renovations of the library were complete, there were expenses that went above the projected budget. Judy Looby, the new interim executive director of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, said the economic recession has affected the library, along with the fact Coles County has a tax cap.

"It was the combination of events which forced us to go down to a bare bones budget," Looby said.

The library has cut operating hours along with positions. Now the staff consists of five full-time employees and two part-time workers.

The library will now be closed on Thursdays; however, they have added hours to rest of the week to allow more options for the patrons.

The library will be open one hour later Monday to Wednesday; with operating hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The building will be open until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The cut back in hours will accumulate to four hours per week, as the operating hours will decrease from 52 hours to 48 hours per week.

"We've had times when we had to tighten our belt, but never cut our hours," Looby said.

For the next three months, the library directors will hold to these adjustments, but this should not be  
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Aside from Charleston resident Anthony Payton, the computers at Charleston Library sit empty. Due to low attendance, Charleston Public Library will no longer be open on Thursdays.

### LUMPKIN

# Relocation still in effect

## Lumpkin flood results in 30 classes being held in various buildings

By Tempestt Washington  
Staff Reporter

Kendall Jackson was taking notes on a lecture in his Legal and Social Environment of Business class last month when he noticed water coming into the lower-level classroom.

"I first noticed the water when my teacher was talking and it was rushing underneath our door," said Jackson, a sophomore business management major.

The flood in Lumpkin Hall last month has caused 30 classes and hundreds of students to be relocated across campus. Some students, like Pierre Evans, a sophomore accounting major, have been relocated to Coleman Hall, but he is not complaining.

"Many of our classes were relocated to a closer building which was more feasible for me because now the snow is here and I don't want to travel all the way to a far building," Evans said. "Also, my class was in the basement and we had a lot of electronics in our room, which could have been damaged by the flood."

Professors who had their classes displaced because of the flooding had to work with changing locations or the cancellation of classes altogether that week. Of the 29 1000-level classes scheduled for that Wednesday, three classes were canceled, while the other 26 classes were relocated to classrooms in Coleman Hall, Blair Hall, the Physical Science building and Buzzard Hall, where most of them remain.

The cost of the damage has not been determined; however, repairs for Lumpkin Hall are still in progress. The hall was damaged when a pipe ruptured on Jan. 12, flooding the 1000- and 2000-level floor, spraying water down two stories to the basement of the building. The pipe burst because it was exposed to freezing temperatures during winter break. When the building was reheated at the start of the semester, the pipe thawed, causing the flooding.

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WEATHER TODAY



Chance of Snow/Cloudy

HIGH 26° LOW 15° Another significant winter storm upon us today with a chance of snow accumulating 1-3". Snow will taper off this afternoon. High pressure will build to the west providing the rest of the work week and weekend with daytime highs hovering around freezing with overnight lows in the upper teens.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 30° Low: 16°



Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 29° Low: 14°

For more weather information: www.dailynews.com

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Advising for Summer and Fall begins today

Any student assigned to an adviser in the Academic Advising Center can begin registering for the Summer and Fall 2010 semesters today. Appointments must be made in person; the Academic Advising Center requests that students not make phone calls. The Academic Advising Center is located inside Ninth Street Hall, on the corner of Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue.

Disney Program holds meetings this week

Students considering joining the Disney College Program can attend a meeting at 5 p.m. today in the University Ballroom, inside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. There will also be a meeting at 12 p.m. Tuesday in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Union.

Deadline to withdraw from first-half-term courses today

Today is the last day to withdraw from first-half-term courses with a "W." Students wishing to do so can contact the Office of the Registrar in Room 1220 of Old Main.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

Dizzying dance



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Members of the Eastern Illinois Cheer Team perform before the men's basketball game Saturday evening in Lantz Arena.

BLOTTER

Justin Wilford, 22, of 7915 S. Essex Avenue, Chicago, was arrested on Feb. 10 at 9:45 a.m. at the University Police Department. Donovan Graham, 21, of 8140 Keating Avenue, Skokie was arrested Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. at Weller Hall. Katrina Weatherby was arrested Feb. 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the UPD. All three suspects were charged with misuse of a credit card and released to the custody of the Coles

County Sheriff's Office pending a court appearance to determine bond, the UPD said.

Criminal damage to a parked vehicle was reported Feb. 8 near the Alpha Phi sorority house. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

A private property accident occurred on Feb. 9 between a university-owned tractor and a tan Ford. No citations were issued, the UPD said.

A theft was reported Feb. 9 at Douglas Hall. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

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Lighting upgrades in campus buildings

Online reporter Kyle Pruden has noticed a change in the lighting system at Eastern. Have you? Check out his "Going Green" blog at DENnews.com.



Where has Lincoln been in Coles County?

Abraham Lincoln has a lot of history in Illinois, such as being a lawyer in Springfield. But did you know that he was around the Coles County area too? Find out where Lincoln's been in Coles County on an interactive map on DENnews.com.

Where will UB this week? WEDNESDAY Open Mic Night 7 pm 7th Street Underground THURSDAY Motown Night with BSU 7 pm Grand Ballroom FRI&SAT Twilight New Moon 7 pm Buzzard Auditorium

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UNIVERSITY

## Valentine's Day celebrated with choir harmony

Eastern musicians share experience with more than 30 high school choirs

By Shauna Laudant  
Staff Reporter

Love was in the air Sunday when Eastern choirs sang love songs to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center was the place to be during the Songs of Love choir concert, where music was used to remind people that Feb. 14 does not only have to be about chocolate, flowers and cards.

Instead, the concert reminded audience members about romance and love through classical and modern

song.

The ensembles performed a variety of loved-themed songs, including "Bridge Over Troubled Water," the American folk song "Shenandoah" and a Shakespearean trilogy that began with the phrase "It Was a Lover and his Lass."

Audience members thought the concert was a success.

Andrew Crum, a senior elementary education major, came to support a fraternity brother and was surprised by their performance.

"I'm impressed that the conductors and singers of the concert are as composed and as disciplined as they are," Crum said. "They take it very seriously."

The event was entertaining and educational.

Conductors Richard Rossi and Adam Stich gave high school choir



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Graduate conductor Jason Garrett holds the door for the Concert Choir to enter Dvorak Concert Hall stage Sunday evening in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

students a chance to perform with college students.

More than 30 high school choir students from School District Five had the opportunity to perform with Eastern musicians in the concert finale.

Jennifer Goldstein, an Eastern alumna, said she enjoyed the different aspect the younger students provided.

"I thought it was really good," Goldstein said. "I was impressed with how (Rossi) gave the high school stu-

dents the experience to sing with college students in their gender section, and then as a whole group."

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OPEN HOUSE

## Campus opens up to prospective students

By Heather Holm  
Activities Editor

While some students may still be recovering from the scorn of spurning lovers today, other students may be falling in love — with Eastern.

The number of students on Eastern's campus will grow today as the university hosts the first open house of the semester.

Karenlee Spencer, special events coordinator for the office of admissions, said Eastern usually does five open houses for prospective students and one for admitted students each year.

"Generally, the open houses host 500 to 600 students — plus their families — equaling about 1,500 to 1,800

people," she said. "There are a lot of different sessions and we allow them to choose a session."

The students will start out with a welcome in Lantz Arena by President Bill Perry and other faculty.

Campus tours will start at 7:30 a.m. and last the entire day.

Other sessions include housing, financial aid, tours of Greek Court from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a student panel with current Eastern students at 9:45 a.m. in the first floor study lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

An informational fair with all majors and minors represented will take place in the University Ballroom and the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

**"It's a great opportunity to learn about every aspect of the university."**

Brenda Major, director of admissions

"When they leave, they should know who we are and what we offer," Spencer said. "Hopefully, when current students see these students, they will be friendly and show what it means to be EIU."

Blair Lord, provost and vice-president for academic affairs, said Eastern has a target for new student en-

rollment each year.

"It is approximately 2,900 new students in all categories," Lord said. "Students choose their majors as they arrive and we try to accommodate them."

Brenda Major, director of admissions, said students should visit Eastern and experience the culture instead

of reading about the campus in a catalogue or a Web site.

"Our open house programs showcase our students, faculty, staff, programs and facilities," Major said. "It's a great opportunity to learn about every aspect of the university."

Students can also come for daily visits, special visits with their school or Saturday visits with their families.

Eastern students are encouraged to reschedule their meal times to avoid the dining halls during lunch, when visiting students may be eating.

For a full list of events, <http://www.eiu.edu/-admissions/ohsched.php>.

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EVENT

## Week long science celebration of Darwin

Promoting science, Darwin ideas, remains department responsibility

By Heather Holm  
Activities Editor

Feb. 12 was Charles Darwin's 201st birthday.

He wrote his book, "The Origin of Species," 150 years ago.

The biology department will present "Darwin Days" to the public throughout the week in celebration of Darwin.

Event coordinator Stephen Mullin said he thinks people, especially non-scientists, should understand Darwin's ideas.

"For example, thanks to the evolutionary process, we can develop a

vaccine for the swine flu," he said.

Mullin said, when teaching biology at Eastern, evolution is always woven in, despite other viewpoints.

"There is a professional, as well as personal, interest," he said. "It's not that his ideas are challenged, it's that non-science is taught in science classrooms."

Mullin argues that teaching both religious and scientific perspectives is a poor method of teaching.

"People should understand (Darwin's) contributions and the impact of his contributions," Mullin said.

Zhiwei Liu, a biology professor and a coordinator for one of the events, said the event is an international celebration of Darwin and his revolutionary ideas on evolution.

"Without evolution, science doesn't really make sense," Lui said.

Lui said the biology department has the responsibility to promote

science and the ideas of Darwin across campus.

"It's a university celebration," Lui said. "It happens across the world every year."

The week will begin today with the movie "Darwin's Dangerous Ideas" at 5 p.m. in Room 3080 of the Life Sciences building.

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Darwin Events of the week

Retired professor Floyd Sandford from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa will perform a 75-minute one-man play on 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The play is about the life and times of Charles Darwin.

Sandford will dress up as Darwin and interpret the scientist's life through Darwin's own words and ideas.

Staging, a set and props will be used during the play.

"This is a theatrical performance," Sandford said. "Theater can be used to both entertain and educate. Even though I am interested in science, I am also interested in theater."

Sandford has done about 10 performances of the play across the United States from Massachusetts to Alaska.

"Charles Darwin is my personal hero," he said. "He was a good scientist and fine and decent human being. I want to attempt to shed more light and less heat on Darwin and his

work."

Mullin said Godson Obia, the dean of the college of sciences, saw Sandford perform his play and decided to bring him to Eastern.

Sandford is also giving a speech about his personal research in the country of Belize.

He has been to Belize eight or nine times to study sea sponges.

He will give the speech "Marine Sponge—Crustacean Associations" at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Room 3080 of the Life Science building.

"I'll be speaking about the relationships between certain sponges and shrimp that live in the sponges," he said.

He will also discuss how he, along with a Czech biologist, recently discovered a new species of shrimp inside a sponge.

"To me, science is an adventure and we are discovering new things all the time," he said.

Sandford was studying that particular project for five years and he has been studying sponges for near-

ly 25 years.

Russell Doolittle, a professor of biology from the University of California in San Diego, will speak on the "Evolution of Blood Clotting" at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Coleman Auditorium.

"It is medically important for people to see if blood clots," Doolittle said. "Blood clotting is a demonstration about how evolution evolves in general."

All of the events are free and open to the public.

VIEWS



Dan Cusack

## Easy ways to succeed in life

My friends and I were sitting around Saturday watching the NBA three-point shootout.

The event can be kind of boring, so we were pondering different questions, like why Kevin Love was sitting next to Kobe Bryant and why there is a league known as the WNBA.

As we watched, we noticed the event had referees. Yes, a three-point shootout had multiple referees.

One ref would confirm that, yes, the player did indeed shoot the basketball. The other ref, would have to decide that yes, the ball did or did not go in the basket. So these guys got a paycheck and a flight to Dallas to hang out all weekend and do a job my 3-year-old cousin could do.

At this moment, I realized I was going into the wrong career. I thought to myself, if these people get paid to do this, there has to be other jobs that are just as easy.

### Country music singer

Country music singers have a sweet gig. My girlfriend makes me listen to this crap when we are in the car, so I am pretty up to date on this music.

Basically, for those of you who are not fans, here is every country music song.

Time: Friday or Saturday. Place: a small town. Vehicle: Tractor or pick-up truck. Who are you with: Your significant other or your boys. What are you doing: drinking. Homosexuals: bad.

Throw in God, parlay that with America and throw in beer and you're done. Now just play mad libs with those ideas and you have a song. After that, people will listen to it and you get to tour the country and make bank.

This job may actually be easier than the basketball referees. You may have to buy a cowboy hat and wear boots, but make one or two records and you're set for life.

### Apple product name comer-upper with guy

So here's what happens. Some computer nerd comes in and says Apple has just come up with the newest, hottest product. What do you do? Throw an i in front of it. Who cares if it sounds like a women's product? It will still sell.

### MTV reality star

This one is a little bit more difficult, because you have chosen to be on the show but it has tons of rewards. All you have to do is be on "The Real World" or "The Hills" or something, and then you are set for life.

People will give you money to come hang out at their clubs and even universities will call you in to speak.

You're probably saying to yourself, this sounds great, but how do I get on the show? First, send in a tape for casting. In the video, talk about how you don't get along with others.

Admit that a good time in your opinion is to get super hammered, fight random people and have lots and lots of sex.

Then, make up a touching backstory so people can feel sorry for you, and within months, you're on TV.

So there are a few choices for people like me who do not want to work. When you are living the sweet life, remember to thank me.

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

## Illinois needs to get on the ball by paying state universities

It's time for something to happen. State universities have let the General Assembly off the hook for long enough, and now they've spoken up in concert.

That's what presidents and chancellors from 14 universities around the state essentially said when they collectively sent Gov. Pat Quinn and Comptroller Dan Hynes a letter Tuesday asking for state-appropriated funds owed to each of their respective schools.

State universities, like Eastern, need state-appropriated funds fast to avoid "drastic actions" they would have to take to survive.

The sum is a staggering \$735 million that Illinois still owes public universities across the state. Quinn signed a general revenue budget to give \$1.39 billion to universities for this fiscal year, \$1.07 billion of which has been vouchered to date. The state so far has paid out \$335 million.

Eastern has received only \$17.5 million of its \$50.6 million appropriation to date, which is just a little more than one-third of the funds. This has led to the university's implementation of hiring and equipment purchase freezes, among other measures, in order to function without those funds.

"Without full funding of our appropriations in a timely manner, we will be forced to take even more drastic actions that will diminish the educational opportunities of our students and our service to the people of Illinois," the letter said.

We hope it doesn't come to the point where "drastic actions," like furloughs or layoffs, need to happen to guarantee the university's survival. The state legislature needs to get its finances in order fast before anything like that hap-

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pens to Eastern or other universities.

"Ongoing financial commitments on all our campuses must be met," the letter said. "Faculty and staff must be paid, buildings must be heated, classes must be taught, and students must be supported. Especially in these difficult times we must be able to rely on the state of Illinois as our partner."

This letter offers a sobering view of how the lack of funding has not only hit Eastern hard, but many universities throughout Illinois. Where Eastern has seen the creation of a furlough policy, the University of Illinois has already had to take this action to cope.

President Bill Perry has said furloughs or layoffs would be "last resorts" for Eastern. But some work has been spread thin because of the hiring freeze, as pointed out in an article in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

"Can you imagine three cooks trying to cook for 800 or 900 kids?" said Matt Pederson, president of AFSCME Local 981, in Friday's article. "Can you imagine three kitchen laborers trying to unload four semis a day, plus keep up with everything else that goes on with the kitchens? People are going to be spread thin."

The legislators in Springfield need to act quickly to solve the state's financial problems before the universities are forced to take drastic actions. It's not the responsibility of the universities to make these changes because the state can't get this problem straightened out. Higher education should not be the one to suffer.

We applaud the efforts of the presidents and chancellors across the state to go after their state-appropriated funds. It's good they are not rolling over and playing dead by doing the budget cutting for the state.

It's time to pay up, Illinois.

### FROM THE EASEL

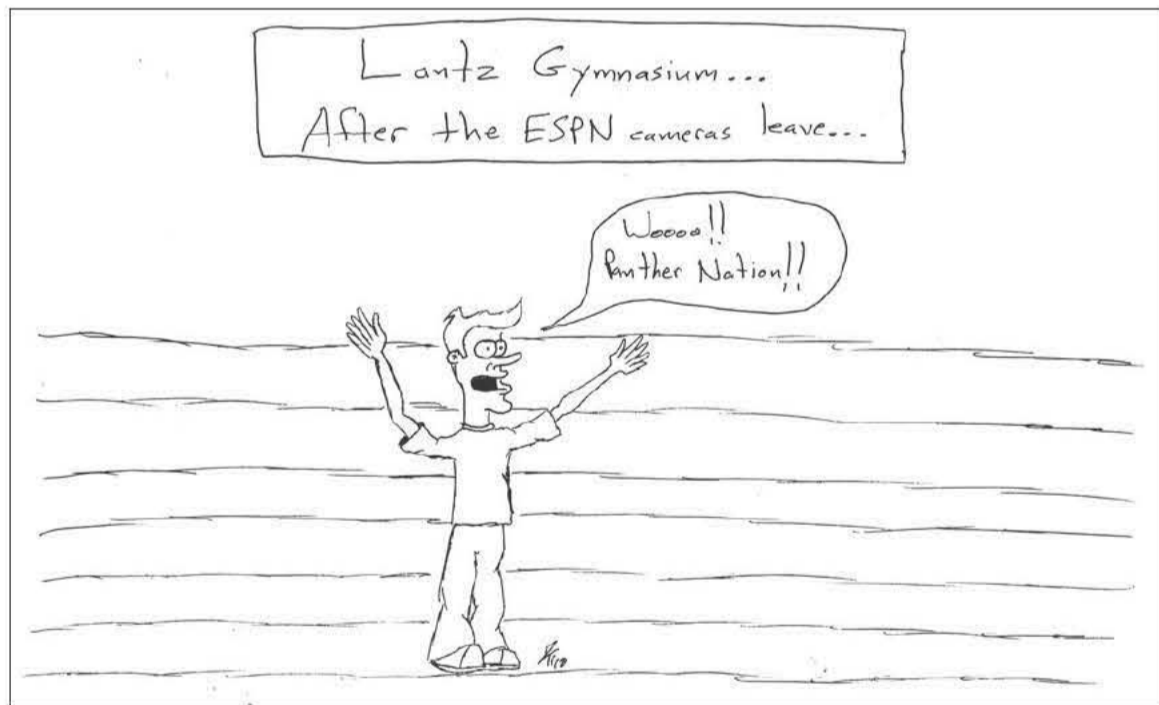


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### FROM AROUND THE STATE

## Too much attention paid to Palin?

By The Daily Vidette Editorial Board  
Illinois State University

Ever since the 2008 presidential candidate John McCain selected former Alaska governor Sarah Palin to be his running mate for last year's election, Palin has become almost bigger than the White House.

Nearly every move or statement she makes, no matter how big or small, makes national headlines and starts conversations all across the country.

So naturally, the national media is working overtime while analyzing the press-happy weekend that Palin just took part in. Not only did she serve as the keynote speaker for the national Tea Party convention on Saturday night, she also appeared on Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace, causing controversy with both appearances.

While speaking in Nashville for the Tea Party convention, Palin drew a \$100,000 speaking fee, as well as criticism with her speech.

After giving her speech on live television, the footage from the convention showed that she had notes for her speech written on the palm of her hand.

The location of her notes has been a hot topic in the news, since one of the focal points of her speech was to condemn President Obama's consistent use of a teleprompter whenever he had public-speaking opportunities.

Palin's hypocrisy on the issue of public speaking has drawn wide-spread criticism from many news outlets, including Comedy Central's news shows, while even White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs mocked her by having fake notes written on his hand during a press conference.

Her Tea Party hiccup was only the start of her

weekend coverage. On Fox News' Sunday morning show, Palin said that "she would be willing to challenge Obama in the 2012 presidential election" and that his "lack of experience" has held him back during his first year of presidency.

She added that she would put her credentials up against Obama's any day of the week, despite the fact that she resigned from her position as a governor and doesn't currently hold a political title besides "Fox News Contributor."

Even though this article is giving the former governor more press, the Editorial Board is surprised that people actually turn to Palin for political analysis, as she has become more of a political celebrity than a politician.

With her constant barrage of media appearances and public statements, she is slowly fitting into the mold of former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich.

STATE

# Officials: 7 dead in Illinois apartment fire

The Associated Press

An early morning fire that ripped through a suburban Chicago apartment building on Sunday left seven people dead, including a newborn baby, a 3-year-old and four teenagers.

The death toll rose from four to seven Sunday as investigators searched through the charred remains of the three-story building in Cicero for victims and residents waited anxiously to hear word of their loved ones and neighbors.

"To happen on a day when families are usually coming together for love and life — Valentine's Day — it makes it even more tragic," said town spokesman Ray Hanania. "It

impacted everybody, including the firemen."

He said initial reports indicated the victims may have been related.

The blaze started around 6:30 a.m. and was extinguished in about an hour, Hanania said.

It was unclear how many people had lived in the building, making it difficult to account for residents. Hanania estimated the number of residents was anywhere from 23 to 40 people. The building had two and three bedroom apartments.

The fire appeared to have started in the building's attic, Hanania said, adding that the victims may have lived in the attic and on the second floor.

Authorities did not immediately release the victims' identities, but said

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a 20-year-old male, a 19-year-old female, an 18-year-old female and a set of 16-year-old twins — a brother and sister — were among the victims.

The genders of the remaining two victims — a 3-day-old and 3-year-old — were not immediately known.

The Cook County medical examiner said autopsies were scheduled for

Monday morning.

Three fire fighters suffered non life-threatening injuries, Hanania said.

Nearly two dozen other residents were taken to hotels in the Cicero area, which is about 10 miles southwest of Chicago.

Two other buildings were damaged, including an adjacent house,

Hanania said.

Resident Lorraine Santana told The Chicago Tribune that she was sleeping when she awoke to screams. She escaped one of the damaged structures with her three children and a dog.

"I'm relieved my kids are safe," Santana said.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation.

Hanania said city officials would investigate if any building occupancy codes were violated in the building where the fire broke out.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago provided food, clothing, winter coats, shoes and shelter, the group said in a news release.

STATE

# NIU Vigil held on second anniversary of shootings

The Associated Press

Hundreds of people have attended memorial events to mark the second anniversary of shootings that left five students dead at Northern Illinois University.

Two years ago on Feb. 14, a gunman entered a geology lecture and opened fire at the DeKalb school. He killed five students and wounded more than a dozen others before fatally shooting himself.

Five white crosses were placed on

campus and were surrounded by stuffed animals and flowers.

The university's president, John Peters, asked attendees to send thoughts and prayers to the University of Alabama in Huntsville where a shooting left three dead.

At memorial services after the shootings the school adopted the saying "Forward, Together Forward."

### Illinoisans urged to insure valuables

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois

Department of Insurance has offered residents tips on protecting any precious or valuable belongings, such as jewelry or art.

The department issued the tips for using homeowner and renter insurance ahead of Sunday's Valentine's Day holiday.

Michael McRaith is director of the state insurance department. McRaith says "consumers should carefully review their unique personal property, including jewelry and art work, coverage needs and work with their insurance agent to

ensure their valuables are insured."

The department offers consumers a five-step plan, which includes reviewing current coverage, having jewelry appraised and documented, knowing factors that affect coverage, choosing the right policy and evaluating their insurance company.

### Coney chain from Mich. opening Chicago franchise

DETROIT (AP) — A Coney Island restaurant chain from Michigan is bringing its Detroit-style hot dogs to

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The Chicago Leo's Coney Island franchise is scheduled to open Monday. Co-owner Lou Goldhaber tells The Detroit News he expects to have a "total built-in customer base" with people from the Detroit area who now live in Chicago.

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# NATION

## Prof's family, friends: No hint of violence

The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — An Alabama professor accused of shooting six colleagues was vocal in her resentment over being denied tenure and the looming loss of her teaching post, though relatives and students said she had never suggested she might become violent.

Not even Amy Bishop's husband knew she might turn violent, according to the man's father. Everyone from family and friends to her students at the University of Alabama in Huntsville said the intelligent and at times awkward teacher seemed normal in the hours before police say she opened fire in a faculty meeting Friday afternoon, leaving three dead and another three wounded.

Jim Anderson — the father of Bishop's husband, James Anderson — told The Associated Press on Sunday his son had no idea Bishop was planning the bloodshed she's accused of.

"He knew nothing. He didn't know anything," the father said. He said that the police had spoken with his son at length and that "they are doing a good job."

Indeed, there were many things Bishop apparently did not reveal to those around her. In 1986, Bishop shot and killed her 18-year-old brother with a shotgun at their Braintree, Mass., home. She told police at the time that she had been trying to learn how to use the gun, which her father had bought for protection, when it accidentally discharged. In all, three shots were fired: Braintree police Chief Paul Frazier said she shot once

into a wall, then shot her brother, then fired a third time into the ceiling.

Authorities released her and said the episode was a tragic accident. She was never charged, though Frazier on Saturday questioned how the investigation was handled.

Some of Bishop's colleagues, including William Setzer, chairman of the department of chemistry, told The Associated Press they did not know about her brother's death.

Police say the gun she's accused of using in the Alabama shooting wasn't registered, and investigators don't know how or where she got it.

Bishop, who has four children, was arrested soon after the shooting and charged with capital murder. Other charges are pending. Her husband was detained and questioned by police but

**"She was fine. It was a normal day."**

Kourtney Lattimore, sophomore who had Bishop as a professor

out the shooting when he dropped her off at the faculty meeting Friday.

Just after the shooting, Anderson told the Chronicle, she called and asked him to pick her up. She never mentioned the shooting, he said.

Even in the days and hours before the shooting, Bishop's friends, colleagues and students said she was acting like the intelligent — but odd — professor they knew.

UAH student Andrew Cole was in Bishop's anatomy class Friday morning and said she seemed perfectly normal. Kourtney Lattimore, 19, a sophomore studying nursing who had Bishop for anatomy and physiology courses, said she didn't notice anything out of the ordinary.

"She was fine. It was a normal day," Lattimore said.

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This was done for a safety and security measure, so the facility can be monitored efficiently with the current employees.

"However, no services have been cut," Looby said.

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## NATION

# U.S. seeks support for Iran stance

The Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — U.S. officials sought to shore up support Sunday for a tougher stand against Iran's nuclear program by saying Tehran had left the world little choice and expressing renewed confidence that holdout China would come around to harsher U.N. penalties.

Even as the Obama administration intensifies its diplomacy, Iran is showing little sign of bending to the will of its critics. Past U.N. sanctions have had little effect. Some outside experts have detected what they believe are new slowdowns in Iran's nuclear advances, but the Islamic republic is believed headed toward having nuclear weapons capability in perhaps a few years — estimates vary as to when.

President Barack Obama's senior military adviser called for more time

for diplomatic pressure to work and said from Israel, which has hinted that it might attack if negotiations to contain Iran's nuclear ambitions failed, that such action could have "unintended consequences" throughout the Middle East. Israel views Iran's nuclear program as a threat to its very existence.

While diplomatic patience has its limits, "we're not there yet," U.S. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Tel Aviv.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a quick visit to Persian Gulf allies Qatar and Saudi Arabia, told a forum on U.S.-Muslim relations that Iran has not lived up to its nuclear obligations and has rebuffed U.S. and international efforts to engage in serious talks. She said Iran has a right to nuclear power, but only if shown unequivocally it is to be used

just for peaceful purposes.

While Iran insists it has no desire to get the bomb, Clinton said it appears otherwise.

"The evidence is accumulating that that is exactly what they are trying to do," she said during a question-and-answer session with her audience at the U.S.-Islamic World Forum, attended by officials and scholars from around the world.

She also used pointed language in stressing that after months of failed efforts aimed at direct talks with Iran, tougher action is now required.

"It's time for Iran to be held to account for its activities," she said, alluding to penalties designed to squeeze Iran's economy.

In her speech, Clinton said the U.S. and others were working on "new measures" to try to persuade Iran to change its course.

She added: "I would like to figure out a way to handle it in as peaceful an approach as possible, and I certainly welcome any meaningful engagement, but we don't want to be engaging while they are building their bomb."

Obama has said that work to broaden economic sanctions in the U.N. Security Council is moving along quickly, but he hasn't given a specific timeline. China, one of five permanent members of the Security Council, has close economic ties to Iran and can block a resolution by itself.

"We have the support of everyone from Russia to Europe. And I believe we'll get the support of China to continue to impose sanctions on Iran to isolate them, to make it clear that in fact they cannot move forward," U.S. Vice President Joe Biden told NBC's "Meet the Press" from Canada, where he was attending the Olympics.

## NATION

# Hundreds turn out for viewing of Murtha in W. Pa.

The Associated Press

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Hundreds of mourners braved light snow and bitter cold Sunday before slowly filing past the casket of late congressman John Murtha at a funeral home less than a mile from where he lived.

The mourners ranged from Gov. Ed

Rendell to average citizens, especially veterans, who revered Murtha, a powerful Democrat who headed the House appropriations defense subcommittee.

Rendell said Murtha's death Feb. 8 at age 77 after complications from gallbladder surgery cost him a plain-spoken friend and cost Pennsylvania "the best ally we ever had" in Wash-

ington.

Murtha's influence on Pennsylvania, and especially his ability to bring defense spending and jobs to the state following the steel industry meltdown of the 1970s and early '80s, was felt well beyond his 12th District, composed of parts of nine western counties, Rendell said.

"He was our go-to guy," Rendell said.

Rendell, who said that as mayor of Philadelphia he called upon Murtha for help, credited Murtha with saving the Philadelphia shipyard industry.

"Nobody is irreplaceable in the long run," Rendell said. "But he is as close to it as anybody I've seen."

Murtha's wife, Joyce Murtha, touted as a possible replacement for her husband, greeted mourners who had lined up outside the simple white-frame funeral home.

His adult children and three grandchildren also greeted mourners.

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PUZZLE BY MARK FELDMAN

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- 28 La \_\_\_, Bolivia
- 29 Takes it slow
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- 36 Program for kicking a habit
- 37 Angry, and then some
- 38 County on the Thames
- 40 Gangster ak a Scarface
- 41 Nincompoop
- 46 "Whoa... whoa..."

## WIN, from page 12

himself with almost blowing the game. He then took his frustrations out at the line and sank two daggers for the victory.

"I was thinking of Stallworth hitting that three on me and I was thinking of the turnover," Laser said. "I pretty much screwed us twice."

Hollowell led the Panthers with 23 points while Laser and Granger added 16 and 10 points, respectively. Faried and Stallworth had 19 and 18 points.

On Saturday, Miller's squad continued its winning ways with a 77-53 trouncing of Eastern Kentucky.

Laser began the game scoring the Panthers' first eight points but then the team went cold hitting only 5-of-19.

Eastern bounced back, ending the first half shooting 9-of-11 to open up a 34-21 advantage.

The second half saw no mercy from the Panthers as they slashed their first four buckets to put the game away 45-25.

Miller said his team made adjustments from its 67-59 loss to the Colonels Jan. 14.

"They made plays," Miller said. "The defense they play, the high 1-3-1 is a different defense that we see only when we play them. No one else in the league plays that or anyone else we play. We did a good job attacking that with our guards."

Miller said he was impressed at how his team was able to guard East-

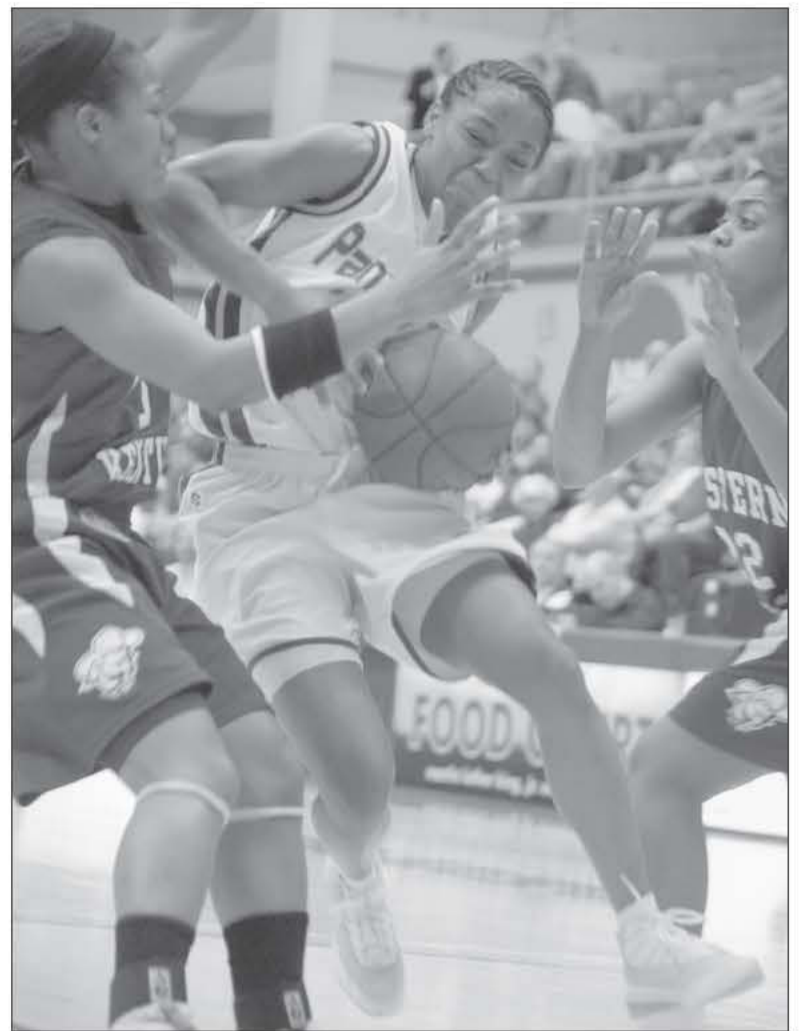
ern Kentucky well and stave off seven three-point shots.

Laser led Eastern with 17 points while Hollowell had 16 points. The Panthers shot 54.7 percent from the field and outrebounded the Colonels 43-26.

Eastern (14-11, 8-7 Ohio Valley Conference) now is solely in fifth place in the OVC and only a half-game behind fourth place Austin Peay.

The Panthers' next challenge will be against Tennessee Martin (4-21, 1-14 OVC) 7 p.m. Tuesday at Martin, Tenn.

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Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon goes up for a layup during the second half against Eastern Kentucky Saturday evening in Lantz Arena. Nixon ended up with a game high 18 points and went 12-of-12 from the free-throw line.

## COMICS

### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE BY STEPHAN PASTIS



### GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY



## NIXON, from page 12

18 points in the game

The Panthers led from start to finish and battled it out in a game featuring 48 turnovers and 40 personal fouls combined. Sallee said his team was never afraid to play the type of game that Eastern Kentucky wanted to play.

"We could be a halfway decent team on the football side of the OVC," Sallee said. "I think we'd be a rushing team and we'd probably rush it up the middle. Sometimes teams

force you to win that way and we aren't scared of a football game, and that's what it turned into tonight."

Eastern will look to extend its program record 13-game win streak Thursday when it hits the road for the last time this season for a two-game trip beginning against Tennessee-Martin in Martin, Tenn. 7 p.m.

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MEN AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP

# Women win, men drop weekend match

By Dane Urban  
Staff Reporter

It was a tale of two different teams this weekend as the Eastern men's tennis squad lost its Friday match-up against Northern Illinois, 5-2, while the women took care of Chicago State Saturday winning by the same score, but lost to UIC, 6-1 Sunday.

In Rockford, NIU proved to be too much for the Panthers' men as they were handed their third straight loss, moving their overall record to 2-4.

The singles victories for Eastern came in the form of freshmen Warren Race and Justin Haag. Both Race and Haag won in straight sets, Race defeating Roman Turtygin 7-5, 6-3 and Haag with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Greg Czajkowski.

Head coach John Blackburn said he was impressed with the play from his two freshmen.

"Warren and Justin played well for us in singles," Blackburn said. "They pulled out two close wins and any time you can win a close match it helps build the confidence for the future."

Senior Jeff Rutherford lost his match to the Huskies' Maksym Bartiuk in three sets 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2; however, his efforts did not go unnoticed.

"I thought Jeff played a good match against a really good player but just came up a bit short," Blackburn said.

The Panthers' men will return to action on the Feb. 24, as they will be hitting the road looking to snap their losing streak against Ball State.

On the other side, the Panthers' women had a busy weekend with back-to-back matches against Chicago State and UIC. The Panthers took care of the Cougars Saturday, winning their match 5-2. The singles winners for Eastern included sophomores Amanda Dibbs and Shannon Brooks.

Blackburn was impressed with his team's effort, knowing it was up against



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Freshman Justin Haag listens to coach John Blackburn at practice Tuesday afternoon in Lantz Fieldhouse.

a tough opponent.

"They are a quality team (Chicago State) and they have a lot of good players and we had to play well to win," Blackburn said.

Following the win, the team was confident going into their next match.

"We felt confident because we knew

we beat a good team," Blackburn said. "We brought that confidence into the UIC match."

The Panther women lost their match, falling to UIC 6-1 Sunday, proving that confidence is not everything.

The team lost five out of the six singles matches with the lone win com-

ing off the racket of freshman Merritt Whitely. Blackburn's assessment of the team after an up and down weekend is to stick to with their game plan.

"We need to stay strong and stick to our game plan," Blackburn said. "I think some girls are hitting the ball well, we just have to stick with it throughout

the match."

The women return to the court Sunday as they will face off against Northern Illinois in DeKalb. The action is set to start at 2 p.m.

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MEN AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | WEEKEND RECAP

# Personal, season bests posted at Iowa State

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

Eastern track and field head coach Tom Akers calls Megan Gingerich a quiet leader of the women's track and field team.

He said she goes out on the track and motivates others with her performances during competition. On Saturday, Akers noticed the red-shirt sophomore did not look well before the 800-meter run during the Iowa State Classic at the Lied Recreational Center in Ames, Iowa.

Akers had to hand her a cup of water and some napkins.

She went on to post a career best in the 800-meter run (non-seeded) by finishing in fifth in 2 minutes, 13.50 seconds.

Nebraska sophomore Brook Dinsdale won in 2:10.88. Gingerich was 27th place a year ago in the same event by running 2:19.05.

"She cleaned up and had about 30 seconds to gain her mental composure," Akers said.

Gingerich's time is the second best mark in program history behind Lauren Lynch's 1987 time of 2:12.54.

She was the third leg on the 1,600-meter relay team which finished in 3:50.94.

The mark is the fourth best in school history, and freshman Andrea Fabiano, senior Caitlin Finnegan, sophomore Bridget Sanchez and Gingerich helped achieve that feat.

Sanchez posted an indoor personal best in the non-seeded 400-meter dash with a ninth-place finish of 57.72, the third-best mark in program history.

Akers said Sanchez ran a faster split in the relay.

"There's something about it when a kid gets a baton in their hand," Akers said.

Junior Darren Patterson continued to excel as the top sprinter this season for the Eastern men's track and field team. Patterson was eighth in the 400-meter dash in 48 seconds, which ranks fourth in program history.

Patterson finished in eighth place in the 200-meter dash (21.76).

His time moved him up to seventh on the Eastern career top 10 list and surpassed his previous season best of 21.81.

Senior Marcus Williams finished in 13th place in 48.23, the eighth-best

time in program history.

Patterson and Williams also ran two legs of the 1,600-meter relay as Eastern finished in fifth place in 3:12.80 behind Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Oral Roberts.

Sophomore Sean Wiggan and senior Wes Sheldon also ran legs of the relay as the time was just 0.13 tenths of a second slower than the mark set by the foursome last week at Notre Dame which ranks fourth on the Eastern list.

Sheldon would run a season best in the 800-meter run in 1:53.21.

Freshman Graham Morris capitalized with his first collegiate win and a season best with a victory in the 3,000-meter run (non-seeded) in 8:42.18 on Friday.

Morris' time would rank seventh overall in the Ohio Valley Conference before this weekend's results.

Akers said Morris' performance helped jump start the team for Saturday.

"He did a really good job of staying in there," Akers said. "He's just really tough in the latter stages of the race."

Junior Donald Romero entered his name in the program top 10 list in the 35-pound weight throw.

Romero moved into 10th place with a distance of 54 feet, 9.5 inches.

"He's got a lot of adjustments to make," Akers said. "It was nice to see him get a breakthrough."

Sophomore Queenie Adeboyejo posted another personal best with a leap of 39 feet, 5.25 inches in the triple jump, which placed her fourth.

"Her jumping mechanics are great," Akers said. "(However), she's struggling on the runway."

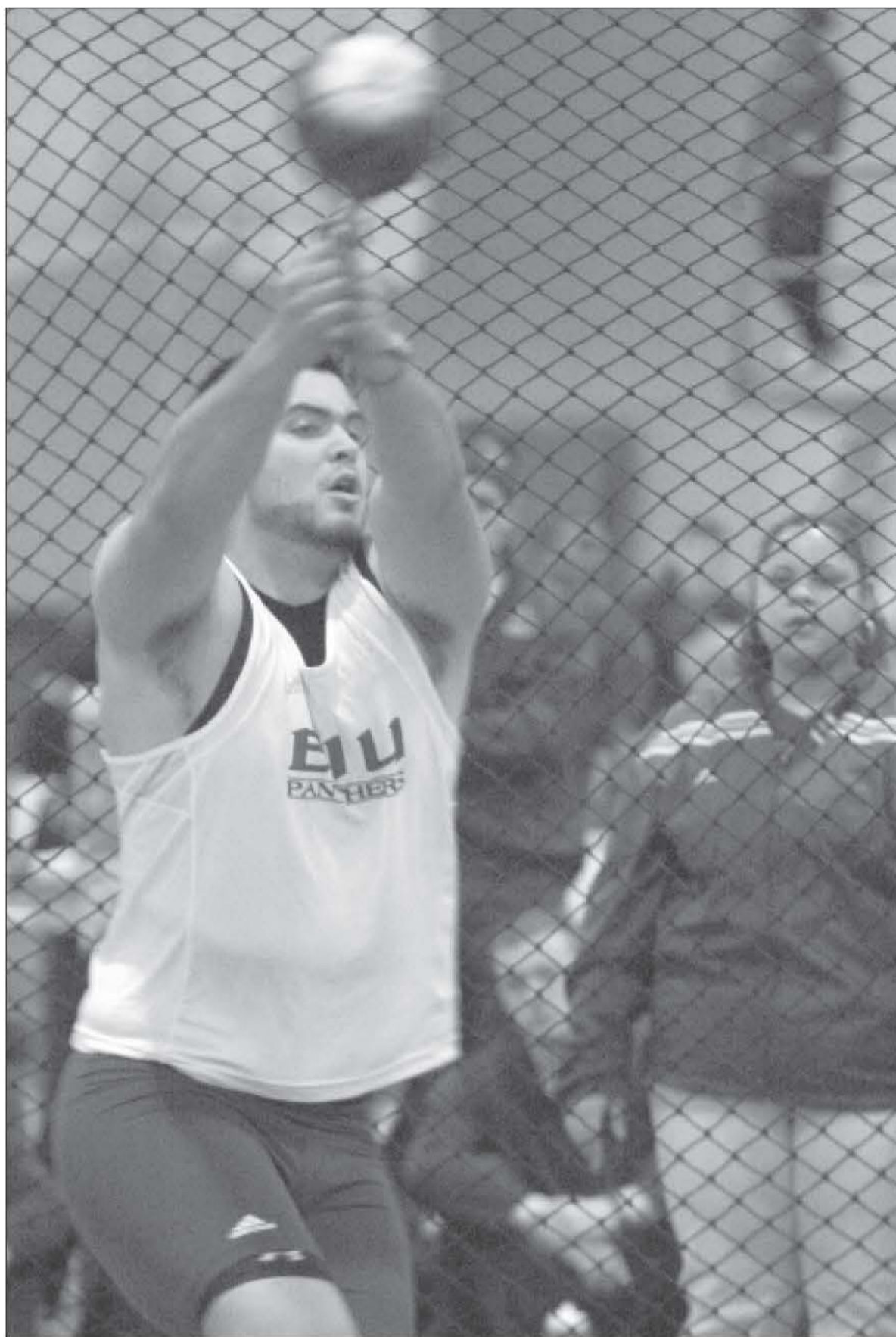
Adeboyejo's best jump came on the last attempt in the finals of the event.

Sophomore Britney Arthur finished 18th in the 5,000-meter run (non-seeded) in 18:34.94. This is also Arthur's season and personal best. Her best previous time this season was 18:51.31.

"She could've gone much faster than that," Akers said.

Akers said the official counting her laps screwed up, and Arthur was confused on how many laps she had left. The Panthers return to action Friday evening when they host the Friday Night Special at Lantz Fieldhouse.

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### VIEWS



Bob Bajek

## Turning it around with a bang

I was predicting a long weekend for the Eastern men's basketball team as it was going head-to-head with top opponents Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. Both teams easily de-clawed the Panthers in January on a tough road trip. I thought there would be a repeat.

I was seriously wrong.

This time around, Eastern was not going to fail a second time and showed it could hang with the big boys of the Ohio Valley Conference.

It all began on Thursday. While Morehead State was garnering more attention than the home team by showing off NBA prospect Kenneth Faried on ESPNU, the Panthers were able to contain him.

Faried ripped off 22 points and 15 board on Jan. 16, but was held to 19 points and seven rebounds while holding going scoreless for long stretches.

"We doubled him a little bit," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "In the first half, (senior center Ousmane Cisse) and (freshman forward Shaun Pratl) picked up fouls and we wanted to protect those guys. So we tried to double him a bit and get a little bit more aggressive. Our emphasis this week has been hit him before he could get his offensive rebound."

Eagles' junior guard Maze Stallworth had a clutch three-pointer with seconds left to make it a 75-74 deficit.

"That shot that Stallworth hit — wow — what a bucket," Miller said. "Coming off, we thought they were going to Faried because it's a two-point game. They ran those guys off the baseline and freed Stallworth up and he buried it."

However, Eastern did not give up and got the ball back after Eagles' sophomore forward Steve Peterson called a time out with his team having none left.

Junior guard Tyler Laser had ice in his veins as he hit both throws for the dramatic victory.

"It's a big boost to our confidence," senior guard T.J. Marion said. "It's a good win to get us over this little barrier we've been under."

Saturday was even more impressive as the Panthers mauled Eastern Kentucky 77-54.

The Colonels did not know what hit them as Eastern Illinois hit 54.7 percent of its shots and made over 50 percent for the third straight contest. Eastern Illinois played hard defense and offense, overcoming Eastern Kentucky's hard 1-3-1 zone defense.

Senior guard Dewayne Wright Jr. said these upsets will motivate the team.

"We were down," Wright said. "We were in a tough stretch where we lost a couple in a row and I just think we needed that first win to get us back onto our feet. After we had that, we are rolling now. Who knows who we will beat now?"

Good job, Panthers. You guys definitely surprised me this weekend.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKEND RECAP



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Junior guard Curry McKinney attempts to make a pass while being double teamed by Eastern Kentucky defenders Saturday evening in Lantz Arena.

## Panthers back in business

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

The Panthers have been struggling of late and needed a strong weekend to show its talent.

The Eastern men's basketball team pulled off back-to-back upsets against conference foes Morehead State Thursday and Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

Eastern snuck a victory from the jaw of defeat against Morehead State 76-75 Thursday in Lantz Arena.

Eagles' senior forward Maze Stallworth gave his team a one-point advantage by hitting a three-pointer with 12.4 seconds left.

Eastern sophomore guard Jeremy Granger dribbled the ball up court and then lost the dribble while trying to pass it to junior guard Tyler Laser.

Luckily for the Panthers, the ball hit the ankle of an Eagles' defender with 5.9 seconds left.

The next play, Eagles' sophomore forward Steve Peterson stole the ball from Laser in the waning seconds and then frantically called a time out with one second left.

"We were looking for back screen for (freshman forward James Hollowell) and they didn't set the back

screen for him," Laser said. "I was like 'I was going to finish this right here.' (Morehead State's Steve Peterson) got me and then when he was calling timeout, I was so happy."

However, Morehead State was out of time outs, meaning a technical foul was called against the Eagles and Eastern would get two free throws.

Laser said he was frustrated at WIN, page 9

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKEND RECAP

## Nixon leads way to 12th straight win

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

A battle between the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference resulted in a 74-63 victory for the Eastern women's basketball team Thursday in Lantz Arena.

The stellar play of freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon was key in the Panthers' 12th consecutive victory, as she became the first player to record a triple-double since 2004.

Nixon said she had no idea of her numbers until reporters informed her of her accomplishment in a full 40 minutes of play.

"That's awesome," Nixon said. "I didn't know that but it's pretty good."

Alongside Nixon, senior guards Dominique Sims and Ashley Thomas had big performances, scoring 15 and eight points, respectively.

The two seniors had the task of guarding Morehead State's leading scorer in junior guard Chynna Bozeman during the entire game.

Sims logged 33 minutes of play, while Thomas shifted her defensive assignment to Bozeman when Sims checked out of the game.

Bozeman scored 12 points in the first half, tallying nine of them in a little over one minute. Sims and Thomas held Bozeman to just three points in the second half.

"I was just disciplined," Sims said. "I did everything that (head coach Brady Sallee) told us to do. Every

time she did hit a three on me, I was just a little bit late on my rotation or I played it wrong. I was just following the game plan and being tough."

Sallee said he felt both Sims and Thomas played very tough defense against Bozeman.

"I tell you what, man; they absolutely got the tar beat out of them," Sallee said. "I was really impressed with Dominique and the floor game she played defensively and offensively. She was just dog dead tired but she wasn't going to play like that on defense."

With the score tied at 27 at half-time, Eastern entered the second half with one mindset — to run in transition.

"The game plan was push it and

if it wasn't there then bring it out," Nixon said. "I just tried to push it and make good decisions. No matter what happened on that possession I just regrouped for the next possession and we tried to get those buckets in there."

The Panthers out-scored Morehead State 47-36 in the second half and led the game in fast break points by more than tripling the Eagles total, 24-7.

Eastern finished off a successful weekend home stand with its 13th consecutive victory Saturday against Eastern Kentucky 69-41.

After playing a full 40 minutes Thursday, Nixon showed no signs of tiring out as she led all scorers with NIXON, page 9

### EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Men's basketball**  
Tuesday at UT Martin  
7 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

**Women's basketball**  
Thursday at UT Martin  
7 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

**Baseball**  
Friday at Southeastern Louisiana  
6 p.m. - Hammond, La.

**Women's basketball**  
Saturday at Murray State  
1:30 p.m. - Murray, Ky.

**Men's basketball**  
Saturday vs. Northern Illinois  
6 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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### NATIONAL SPORTS

**Men's college basketball**  
Connecticut at Villanova  
6 p.m. on ESPN

**Women's college basketball**  
North Carolina at Virginia  
6 p.m. on ESPN2

**Winter Olympics**  
7 p.m. on NBC

**Men's college basketball**  
Kansas at Texas A&M  
8 p.m. on ESPN

**Women's college basketball**  
Connecticut at Oklahoma  
8 p.m. on ESPN2