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### CITY

# School district cuts \$450,000

Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

The Charleston School Board cut approximately \$450,000 of funding in the first phase of the cost saving plan at Thursday's. Members approved phase one during Wednesday night's meeting.

The cuts included the assistant principal position at the Charleston Middle School and the elimination of numerous athletic events throughout all levels of play; excluding varsity events.

Approximately \$40,000 in savings will come from the elimination

of certain school athletic events. "Keep in mind, these are middle school and lower level high school programs," said Jim Littleford superintendent of the Charleston school district. "We pulled out the varsity programs because we would like to study these more with our coaches."

These cuts include paid officials for Jefferson Middle School basketball games, a 75 percent reduction in middle school and high school sporting equipment and has eliminated the Charleston Holiday Basketball Tournaments.

During the last holiday tour-

namment, the school lost almost \$8,500 on the event due to low attendance.

This was after numerous local teams made the final games, Littleford said.

Eight middle school athletic events and 23 high school athletic events have been eliminated for next year's seasons.

However, the board did not pass the package in its entirety. The board tabled the action to eliminate the varsity swim team until next month's meeting.

Yet, not all members of the board were in favor of this.

"We were looking at this as a source of revenue, and there is none (with the swimming team)" said Jeff Coon, school board treasurer. "This is an incredibly expensive sport."

The Charleston School District does not have a facility for the event and the team must travel further than most of the other school teams in order to compete, because of the lack of teams in the East Central Illinois area.

Ron Miller, the school board president, was in favor of tabling the act in order to receive commu-

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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Student senate discuss new fraternity, 'Master Plan'

Erica Whelan  
Student Government Editor

The student senate began their meeting with a period of audience participation in which senate members considered appeals for support from two separate organizations.

Krishna Thomas, assistant director of the office of faculty development, promoted a series of free and informational sessions that her office will be sponsoring on April 8 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union titled "More than the Sum of the Parts: Fostering Integrative Learning."

Krishna said the objective of the sessions is to make connections across the curriculum and for students to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-life applications outside schoolwork and residential living.

"This is a holistic kind of student development," Krishna said.

She hopes to gather student input from the sessions and expects to attract a substantial audience to the event, where Pat Hutchings, a professor from the University of Iowa, will speak about the significance of instating an integrative learning approach on campus.

Hutchings, the vice president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has written widely on the investigation and documentation of teaching and learning and will host the catered event.

Paul Janowicz, director of expansion for the Chi Phi fraternity, informed the student senate about a new fraternity. Presently, Janowicz said the service-oriented fraternity, which advocates the ideals of truth, honor and integrity, has a chapter established at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Janowicz said he hopes to expand the fraternity to the Midwest, as well as utilize a potential program at Eastern as a model to other universities in the region.

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### CAMPUS

# Angry community speaks on violence

Agnes Amarh  
Staff Reporter

"I am a victor, not a victim," said a student who has dealt with the issues of black on black crime who spoke out at a forum last night.

In a town hall meeting titled "Stop The Violence" held Wednesday night discussed police brutality and Black on Black crimes, that have left many families and friends angry.

Ten faculty members and students formed the panel that led the discussion about violence in the black community.

Janice Collins, an assistant professor in the journalism department, strived to reach out to the students on topics that are overlooked and misconstrued in the media.

Loretta Prater is the dean of College of Health and Human Services at Southeast Missouri State Uni-



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Atlanta talk-show host Angela Robinson gazes into the crowd at "Stop the Violence: Town Hall Meeting" Wednesday evening in Coleman Lecture Hall.

versity and she was previously the chair of family and consumer sciences at Eastern for five years. Prater's son was a victim of police bru-

tality six years ago, and was one of the speakers who allowed her past and hatred for the crime committed subside into the greater good.

Prater had a family photo with white out over her son's face taped to a poster reading "Police brutality VIOLENCE, page 7

### CAMPUS

# Eastern weighs in on gender ratio

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

Stacey Pollack, a sophomore English major, did not have trouble describing the typical male college student.

"He studies a lot—probably, tries to go to class, slides by on papers last minute—the night before, likes sports and women," Pollack said.

Kyle Sakowicz, a senior elementary education major, found providing a description of the typical collegiate female to be a difficult task.

As The DEN reported Wednesday, women generally outnumber men at colleges and universities across the country, and women appear to be outperforming men in the classroom.

Linda Ghent, a professor in the economics department, said this

trend is difficult to assess.

"Some research has indicated that females have higher attendance rates in classrooms, and often get better grades, but I don't know why that is," Ghent said.

Catherine Polydore, a professor in the secondary education department, specializes in the field of educational psychology and has professional interest in equity in academics.

"I believe that women, to attain the same social status as men, kind of turn towards education," Polydore said, "because it's the one sure means of getting prestige, getting power... we see that playing out on the educational level."

Pollack is the first in her family to seek a degree. Both of her parents are successful, she said, yet neither had the opportunity to go to college.

"I just think if you get an education, a degree, you have more of a chance of getting a job, I wanted to do that," Pollack said.

Sakowicz said his father did not go to college, but that his mother did.

He said when he started off at a community college he was unsure of what major to pursue, and that after taking a year off, decided he would have more opportunities if he earned a degree from a university.

"I approach my education as a gateway to the world," he said. "To achieve things I want, like traveling and all that stuff, I figure an education is key."

Pollack stated her opinion about differences in the way men and women perform in school.

"I think I value it more. I think I work harder as opposed to a lot

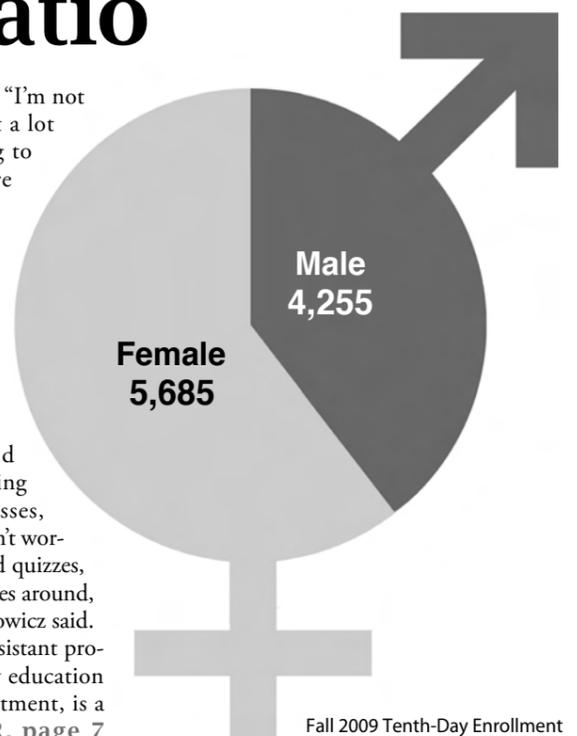
of males," Pollack said. "I'm not saying every male, but a lot of them are just trying to get through it, they're not trying to get an 'A,' they're just trying to slide by with a 'C' or a 'D,' just passing, instead of achieving an 'A' or a 'B,' which I try very hard to obtain."

Sakowicz had similar feelings.

"I think girls spend a lot more time studying and preparing for classes, whereas guys maybe don't worry about homework and quizzes, but when test time comes around, sort of get with it," Sakowicz said.

Stephen Lucas, an assistant professor in the secondary education and foundations department, is a

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

HIGH  
33°

The sun returns today along with light winds out of the west. Temperatures will slowly increase the next few days into the weekend. More clouds roll in on Friday with a chance for flurries Friday night through Saturday afternoon. 1-2" of snow is possible. Another chance for snow is possible Sunday night into Monday.

LOW  
20°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Friday  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 34°  
Low: 23°



Saturday  
Snow Flurries  
High: 35°  
Low: 21°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Blood clotting lecture today in Coleman Hall

Russell Doolittle will present 'The Evolution of Blood Clotting' at 7 p.m. today in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. Doolittle is a professor of biology from the University of California at San Diego. For more information contact Stephen Mullin at [smullin@eiu.edu](mailto:smullin@eiu.edu) or 581-6234.

Coalition will host focus groups today

The Tobacco Coalition will host focus groups to gather information and opinions about Eastern possibly becoming a smoke-free campus at 12 p.m. today in the Scharer Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers, but space is limited. Students are invited to contribute to this group forum whether they are for or against this initiative. For more information contact Brad Tribble at 581-7786 or [herc-alcohol@eiu.edu](mailto:herc-alcohol@eiu.edu).

'White?' lecture part of Black History Month

A lecture by Tim Engles titled "How did I get so White?" will take place at 5 p.m. in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This event is being held as part of Black History Month.

—Compiled by News Editor Emily Steele

Students celebrate Ash Wednesday



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Newman Catholic Center was full during the 5:30 p.m. service Ash Wednesday as parishioners begin the Lent season. Lent begins 40 days before Easter, and is a way for Catholics to reflect on the temptation of Jesus.

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Do you know famous African-Americans?

In honor of Black History Month, we have put together a quiz about famous blacks in American history. Take our quiz at [dennews.com](http://dennews.com).



The strangest pizza I ever had

Online Reporter Adam Larck describes a different kind of pizza—the UFO pizza—that he tasted when he visited Poland. Read about his experience at [dennews.com](http://dennews.com).



Students to research teaching techniques

Two EIU Student Association for the Education of Young Children (SAEYC) members talk about their future travels to Montana to observe how students learn and teachers teach about race in this podcast at [dennews.com](http://dennews.com).

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All creative writing and any art that can be photographed is eligible for submission!

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## ADMISSIONS



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Brenda Major, director of Admissions and Jerrion Shell, campus visit specialist for New Student Programs, places a sign for an admitted student to Eastern during Panther Patrol Wednesday.

# Panther Patrol rises early to congratulate admitted students

By Jessica Leggin  
Staff Reporter

Charlie Jaques only had only three hours of sleep Tuesday night, but still found the strength to join Panther Patrol at 5 a.m. Wednesday to welcome incoming students to Eastern in the Coles County area.

"This shows that we care about them coming to Eastern," said Jaques, a junior biological sciences and French major. "This is like an extra incentive to show how cool EIU is. It makes them feel special."

Panther Patrol is an ongoing program to show appreciation for admitted students in the local area and to

showcase their accomplishments to the community.

Students, faculty and staff volunteered their time as they journeyed through Coles County placing congratulatory signs for admitted students that read, "admitted," "honor student" and "I am EIU."

Volunteers met at 4:45 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to team up in groups and prepare for the morning's event.

Tania Stanford, a freshman biological sciences major, said she was not aware how early Panther Patrol began when she volunteered.

"I did not know it was at five in the morning, but I still thought it

would be a fun experience," Stanford said.

Stanford said she feels good about volunteering for such a great cause.

"It makes me feel good, because I know I played a part in putting up the signs for them," she said. "So that's a clap for all of us."

Admissions Director Brenda Major said Panther Patrol shows how the Eastern community cares for its local students.

"What we have been trying to do is build relationships, not just recruit students," Major said. "We want to show the students that we really care, and that we want our hometown students from the Coles County to appreciate their

home university and consider EIU."

Major said the event has been going on for about four years, and her idea for the program came when she watched a commercial from the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol.

"I thought, you know what, how cool that would be," Major said. "I have to say, if I was trying to decide between Eastern and some other school, and I hadn't really made up my mind, this would do it for me."

Major said along with their signs, the admitted students receive other gifts in their Eastern bag.

"They get a T-shirt, wristband and a letter from us that also has local scholarships they can look into," Ma-

major said. "They also get a heath bar with a little note explaining the heir to the heath candy bar dynasty is an EIU alum."

Major said these items should tell a student how much Eastern appreciates and cares about their local students.

"I think it would say to me if EIU cares that much to go out their way to do this, it must be a really special place," Major said. "Maybe I will not only get a good education but also be treated well."

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## DARWIN DAYS

# Biologist brings knowledge, talks sponges

By Julia Carlucci  
Staff Reporter

Dissecting specimens may be a routine procedure for most biologists, but Floyd Sandford had a big surprise one day when dissecting a sea sponge.

"When you open up a sponge and it's filled with all sorts of interesting little creatures, little fish, little echinoderms and little shrimp, all sorts of stuff, you get really blown away, at least I do," Sandford said.

For Wednesday's Darwin Days presentation, Sandford, an emeritus professor from Coe University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, spoke about his research on sponges' association with crabs and

shrimp.

Sandford began his presentation to a full room describing his past and current research on sponges.

His interest in sponges that live in the Gulf of Mexico, the oceans surrounding Belize and other marine hot spots began accidentally. Sandford and several students had taken a research trip to Dog Island, located off the coast of Florida, when one of the students picked up a foreign item on the beach. After some research they discovered it was a sea sponge.

"Like Darwin, I am a generalist, everything about biology fascinates me," Sandford said.

Sandford had a slideshow while

he was speaking and flipped through dozens of pictures of various sponges. Some had hermit crabs in them; some were partially dissected to show the shells they had grown over.

Alexandra Hazen, a senior biology and secondary education major, said she found the different species of crabs and sponges interesting.

After the slideshow Sandford had a video of his work in Belize, that showed sponges in their natural habitats. There was also footage of shrimp moving around on the sponges. He explained how he found shrimp in sponges. One day when he dissected a sponge, shrimp and fish and sorts of other little critters just came tumbling out.

Sandford spoke about how he and fellow researchers discovered that not only were there shrimps living in sponges, they were eating the sponges too.

Biology student Oindrila Paul never knew that shrimp could have a parasitic relationship with sponges.

"It was an opportunity to learn about evolution and the relationship between crustaceans," Paul said.

Anthony Porreca, a senior biology major, who had taken a course in the Bahamas and was interested in learning more about marine biology found Sandford's video to be the most interesting. He and his friends did not know shrimp could live in sponges either, they thought the parasitic rela-

tionship was particularly interesting.

Chester Dudzik, a senior biology major, said the new information he learned tonight will help him in the future.

"(It will) improve my reasoning and thinking as a biologist, next time we have to look underneath to find those things in nature," Dudzik said.

Sandford hopes that people will better understand Darwin and the significance of his work after Darwin Days.

"I consider Darwin not only an exceptional scientist, but a wonderful human being," Sandford said.

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IEWS



Julian Russell

## Cold reality of driving in winter

Now, I'm not exactly an "old fogey" and such, but I've been driving for about 10 years now and I would put my driving skills up against any.

I understand that's a bold statement but, with all seriousness, some of the drivers I've witnessed on the road lately scare the hell out of me.

With more snow a possibility in our forecast, I think it is time everyone stop and think about how they are driving.

That being said, I will include myself in that statement because even I learn a new driving lesson here and there, including one I learned over the weekend.

I was out and about over the weekend on the northern roads of Coles County in the Airtight Bridge vicinity when I encountered a snow-covered hill.

The hill started after a curve so my speed was down and I clearly underestimated the size of the hill because about half way up my car completely stopped going up and began sliding back down. My car did a 180-degree turn and, luckily, lined right back up with the road going back down the hill.

I very easily could have ended up in a rather large ditch, which was more like a cliff than a ditch.

It didn't bother me in the least, despite the fact that in my 10 years of driving, I had not quite encountered an occurrence like that one.

Nevertheless, it is better to be prepared rather than learn the hard way.

The first thing to be sure of is, obviously, that your car is properly cleared of snow both on the windows and headlights.

Believe it or not, I see people all the time driving around with a peephole of vision through their windshield.

The next thing is to give yourself time to stop before approaching stop signs or intersections.

So many times I see people slam on the brakes and nothing will cause problems quicker than doing so.

Be gentle when braking and keep your arms locked on the steering wheel. Remember you are in control of your vehicle, not the other way around.

Go slow on bridges and overpasses because they tend to freeze first.

If you start sliding at any point, again, keep your wheel straight and gently pump your brakes. If you get stuck, don't slam on your gas pedal to get out. Steer your wheel left and right to clear the snow and then try slowly accelerating.

Another good piece of advice is to always carry a blanket in the car during the now season. If you get caught in the middle of nowhere you'll be glad you did.

Overall, the best advice is to not drive at all if you can avoid it.

Pay attention to the weather and get your errands out of the way first.

If you must drive, try and give it time so the snowplows have a chance to clear the roads and drop sand.

To some people, this all may seem like common sense but when I went to Chicago two weeks ago, I saw cars off the road all the way there.

So, take it for what you will and remember what an unknown author once said about cars — "It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road."

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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.

## Budget cuts for school board could mean trouble for Eastern students

Although some Eastern students may feel conflicting opinions about the Charleston community, the frightening reality of budget cuts facing the Coles County School Board could mean bad news for Eastern students.

As reported in Tuesday's edition of the *Times Courier*, the Coles County School Board met last night to discuss budget reductions and vote on certain items that would cut an estimated \$457,000 in spending.

At press time, the group had not yet voted on the proposed reductions.

However, the article in the *Times Courier* stated that the cuts would be just the first in what could amount to a \$1.6 million reduction for the school board.

Some of the things lost in the budget cuts would include a cancellation of holiday basketball tournaments for the Charleston High School boys' and girls' basketball teams as well as eliminating boys' and girls' swimming teams at CHS, numerous athletic events at the junior varsity, sophomore and freshman levels.

The cuts could also include a suspension in textbook purchasing and a payment freeze for district administrators.

Perhaps the most troubling item on the agenda for Eastern students is the elimination of the assistant principal position at Charleston Middle School.

It should come as no surprise that Eastern is most often thought of first and foremost as a teacher's college. After all, education majors make up the largest group of students by major.

If a position as important as assistant principal could be

**"Though budget cuts may be necessary, they are also a worrisome sign of things to come."**

cut from the budget, one can only wonder how far behind is the possibility of eliminating teaching positions.

Many Eastern students spend time student teaching in Charleston, Mattoon, Oakland and other surrounding communities. And many graduates find their first employment in education through substitute teaching in or around Coles County.

If more budget cuts are to come, Eastern students may find it difficult to find that oh-so-necessary first job out of college.

And, although many may not like Charleston, it may behoove Eastern education majors to take a vested interest in the state of the Coles County School Board.

According to the article in the *Times Courier*, "The board and district administrators are working on budget cuts because of projections that show deficits within five years if no changes are made. District officials blame state reimbursement delays and the lack of education funding..."

Though budget cuts may be necessary, they are also a worrisome sign of things to come.

While the recent defeat of the proposed tax swap vote certainly has not helped matters, it also is not the only thing to blame.

And while the state's financial issues are far from being resolved and Charleston finds itself in an economic short-fall, it seems no one group or entity can really be blamed.

Ultimately, those affected most negatively are current and future students at Charleston and Mattoon high schools. And those students who may one day become Eastern students are facing a sad situation.

FROM THE EASEL



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## People are free to choose an explanation of origin

Dear Editors,

With regards to the article "Darwin days stirs evolutionary debate" printed on Feb. 16, I wish to express my agreement with Rev. Danah Himes on the issue of whether "humans evolved from chimpanzees."

Clearly, we did not evolve from chimpanzees.

Humans, however, do share a common ancestor with chimpanzees approximately 5 to 7 million years ago.

To say that humans evolved from chimpanzees would be the same error as saying that our cousins are our children.

I believe that people are free to choose the scientific explanation or the theological explanation on the origins of species as they see fit.

However, we owe it to ourselves to be informed about our decisions.

Whether Rev. Himes has an accurate understanding of the theory that she rejects or not is difficult to tell, when the wrong but catchy phrase of "humans did not evolve from chimpanzees" is used as an explanation of one's objection.

I urge everyone, whether they accept the scientific explanation on the origins of species diversity or not, to learn what this large body of scientific work accumulated over the past 100 years actually says, so that they can make their own decisions.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kai F. Hung  
Asst. Prof. Biological Sciences

MUSIC & ARTS

# Students grab prizes at Open Mic

By Megan Tkacy  
Staff Reporter

Six students performed at last night's open mic night at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground and two out of the six students walked away with prizes.

Pamela Machala, a first year grad student in music, was the first place winner. Machala started her performance with an original song called "Golden Delicious".

Her second song was a cover of "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" by Aretha Franklin and she encouraged crowd participation.

"This is an older tune," Machala said, "I didn't write it but if you guys know it you should sing along."

Zach Cislo, a junior music education major, began the night and took second place with four original songs.

Cislo took the stage with his guitar and announced that he would open with a song he had written Tuesday night. Cislo played the song, which is currently untitled, on the piano along with original lyrics. Cislo then performed his next two songs "I Am The One" and "King of the Friend Zone" while he played guitar. Cislo said "Friend Zone" was his attempt at a humorous piece.

"There's times in my life when I try to be funny, let's hope this is one of those times," Cislo said laughing.

Cislo closed with another original piece called "August Day" after the crowd urged him to play another song. He asked the audience what

they would like to hear, either a breakup song or an upbeat song. The audience requested a breakup song for his last number.

"Those are always the best songs right?" Cislo asked the audience before he performed his final piece "August Day".

A \$75 gift card to Guitar Center was the first place prize and a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart was given to the second place winner.

Jacob Unterberger, a sophomore communication studies major, followed Cislo's performance with a rap performance to a back track. He performed two songs to the jazzy electronic beat, the first titled "What's Going on in the World Today."

"This song is about all the messed up things going on in the world right now," Unterberger said.

His second song was titled "Trying to Expand" during which he was taken over by laughter, admitting he mistakenly recorded the wrong back track for it.

**Oc Boyd**, his stage name, took the stage next for a comedy sketch, taking the opportunity to poke fun at Unterberger's mistake.

"I don't know what you're doing up here rapping but you're doing a good job, keep it up," Boyd laughed. "But honestly you're crazy!"

Boyd, a junior art major, continued his comedy set with jokes about Valentine's Day and his mothers' wrath when he forget to give her a gift. He said he tried to avoid her first on the phone until she contacted him a different way.

"So I was on Facebook and I forgot my mom's on my Facebook. So the chat box came up and she said 'lol, where's my Valentines Day present?'"

Boyd continued to joke about his mother and how she taught him life skills like the ABC's in an unconventional fashion.

"She taught me my A's, B's and C's, and said 'I'm going to teach you something about ABC's, I'm gonna tell you what they stand for,'" he said mocking his mother. "G, good grades will keep you alive, H, holler all you want because I brought you into this world and I can take you out."

Jared "Ziggy" Chuck then took the stage starting out his set with his own rendition of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven".

"It's a remake, hip-hop take on the song," Chuck said.

Chuck's rendition included him playing guitar, harmonica, and also rhythmically tapping his guitar which added a drum like sound into the mix. He then transitioned into an original piece, playing guitar and singing along for the audience.

The last performer of the night was Shanae Connell, an English major, who pulled up a stool onstage to sing her cappella cover of "Hello, My Apple" by Priscilla Renea. She enjoyed performing and admitted it was sort of a last minute idea.

"I usually sing at talent shows and things like that," Connell said.



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior music education major Zach Cislo plays four original songs, three on the guitar and one on the piano, during Open Mic Wednesday night in 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

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# STATE

## SPRINGFIELD

### Ill. bill could snarl plan for terrorism suspects

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois House has passed legislation that could complicate efforts to house terrorism suspects at an unused prison in northwestern Illinois.

The measure would require lawmakers to vote on any proposal to

transfer ownership of state property worth \$1 million or more.

It passed 81-31 Wednesday and now goes to the Senate.

Gov. Pat Quinn has reached an agreement with the Obama administration to sell Thomson prison to the federal government.

It would be used to house pris-

oners now held at Guantanamo Bay.

If lawmakers were to vote on the plan, it might fail.

The proposed voting requirement is far from becoming law

. It still needs Senate approval, and then Quinn could still block it.

### SCHOOL, from page 4

nity response.

"The segment we have left out is the community, and that is an important part," Miller said. "For us to take action without having the community input is what is missing."

The assistant principal position at the Charleston Middle School has also been cut, saving the school district \$80,000.

Kevin Oakley is the current assistant principal at the middle school, but he will be moving up to the principal position for the 2010-2011 school year.

The district administrators pay freeze, which was in the original package, was pulled to be voted on separately. While the pay freeze was approved, it came with discussion from the members.

Board member Jerry Esker thought the issue should be addressed apart from the rest of the package because of recent figures he had found concerning the pay of the district's administration compared to how many hours the administration puts in a

week.

The district's administration salary is lower than many schools in the area, Esker said.

"I feel we are trying to send a symbolic message by freezing the salaries of the administration, the ones who put in the most hours and the ones whose backs the budget is built on," Esker said. "I think we are sending a message and it's the wrong one."

Despite Esker's comments, the pay freeze was passed.

The pay freeze will save the district approximately \$19,600 and will affect all administration, except who already have contracts in place, like Oakley and Diane Hutchins, the Charleston High School Principal.

Other budget cuts include:

The elimination of mail delivery within the district; \$34,000

The elimination of two part-time technology and maintenance positions; \$6,944

The elimination of summer maintenance staff; \$9,695

The reduction in the technology budget by 5 percent; \$20,000

The reduction in technology hardware and online subscriptions; \$3,500

The reduction of the building budget by 10 percent; \$35,000

The use of Title II funding for class size reduction come from a different source; \$40,000

The reduction of substitute teacher pay from about \$90 per day to \$75; \$60,000

The suspension of the school board convention, \$6,630.

The suspension of textbooks and classroom furniture expenses, \$87,000

Summer school will now be reserved for the seventh through twelfth grades and the school district; \$30,592.

The elimination of the air conditioning systems; \$1,000

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## GOVERNMENT, from page 1

"We want the support of the students, faculty and staff to make our impact on Eastern positive," Janowicz said. "We felt this school has a great, open community already. It's strong, and it's only getting stronger."

He told senate members that his goal is to have at least 30 men prepared for induction at the Chi Phi new member ceremony on March 7 out of almost 200 prospective members so far.

Following Janowicz's appeal, the senate moved into a period of committee reports. Eric Wilber, executive vice president, said the Student Ac-

The Apportionment Board will hold its first meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to consider a series of line item transfers.

Scott Lambert, vice president for academic affairs, intends to make the position of Webmaster a paid post at \$50 a month.

Lambert will be asking the AB for an allocation of \$100 for March and April.

Eric Wilber, executive vice president, will also be asking for a line item transfer to support the Student Action Team in its lobbying efforts to Springfield in the sum of \$1,300 for transportation and food.

The last item on the agenda is a proposal to allocate \$2,100 to the student government budget to co-sponsor a fan bus to transport members of Panther Nation to a women's basketball away game in Nashville, Tenn.

tion Team is organizing a lobbying effort for the General Assembly in Springfield on April 21 in order to

urge the timely dispersal of state-appropriated funds.

He also said that President Bill Perry plans to open up the Master Plan that was originally developed in the late 1990s. Numerous goals expressed in the outline, including the construction of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, the steam plant and the new textbook rental facility, have been accomplished.

Wilber will serve as the student representative on the steering committee that will re-evaluate the Master Plan, which is expected to be complete by September.

"This is to see what direction we want this campus to move forward with," Wilber said.

The only new business examined by the senate was the matter of reconvening COBRA, the committee on bylaw revision adoption. The resolution passed unanimously.

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## VIOLENCE, from page 1

ty did not stop in 9-11."

Prater covered the face to show how easy it is to wipeout a family and how quickly the world moves along again.

She now seeks justice by educating new officers on sensitivity to race through workshops and training programs. Prater said that with more officer training, there will be fewer instances like those that happened to her son.

"When someone takes your life, all of your tomorrows are gone," Prater said.

Incidents like Prater's were called "background noise" to a nation that has been desensitized by the media and

current events.

"We become violent as a mean for survival," Collins said.

Albert Johnson, was on the panel and is a coordinator of an after school program Johnson works first hand with the students struggling with anger.

"I'm constantly deprogramming the students from what goes on at home. These kids have adult problems at such a young age."

Ashley Grant, a junior English major, comes from a predominantly white area but can relate to the issues discussed at the panel.

"It's terrible to say, but I expected it,"

Grant said. "It's so awful and it breaks my heart."

Grant said that she felt the media has much to do with the way white women and black women are portrayed.

"There are many black people that do wonderful things, like the after school programs and if the media would focus on a smaller scale and on the important things, it would make them see everyone is the same and they can make a difference just like everyone else."

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## GENDER, from page 1

former high school teacher and principle. He recently was the principle at Edison Middle School in Champaign.

Lucas remembered a theory he had heard while working on his doctorate degree about why boys are more likely to have difficulties in school.

"Schools tend to reward things girls have traditionally done, comply with rules, respect elders, etc.," he said. "Boys tend to be more rambunctious."

William Addison, a professor in the psychology department, studies something he calls "academic maturity." Addison said he believes a disproportionate number of men fall into the category of underachieving students.

"One of the most frustrating things is a student who is obviously bright but not doing the things needed to succeed," Addison said. "I have to say, that case of the underachiever, probably we see more men fall into the category."

Sakowicz said he did not appreciate school as much at a young age because he found a set curriculum to be restraining, but that he has come to feel confident as a university student. "You're working toward something you like, something that's goal oriented."

Jeanie Ludlow, coordinator of the women's studies program, said the problem with the difference in gender in education might be institutional.

"For a long time the message has been reinforced to girls you need to have this education, you need to be independent," Ludlow said. "I think we haven't said the same things to boys, we assume we're raising boys to be independent, we assume we're raising boys to handle the responsibilities in their lives w."

Pollock said she does not see a difference in the way men and women

are treated in the classrooms, but she does see a lot more men participating, depending on the class.

Pollock also said she thinks there are more women in the English Department, but that she would expect to see more men in political science, philosophy, math and business; subjects they seem to be interested in.

Polydore said there is a trend of men being favored in certain subjects.

"We have the stereotypes that in certain subject areas that men are better, so therefore we naturally call upon them more in class."

Polydore said this all goes back to the fact that people are shaped by societies' expectations since they are born.

"For example, providing a little boy with Legos and he gets the opportunity to build and break build and break, and all that interaction with his environment actually creates the synapses and lays the foundation for future learning," Polydore said. "And we have little girls playing with dolls so she learns a domestic kind of thing, not so much that critical thinking creative."

Ghent said that if teaching is a female dominated profession due to a social guidance toward the career that creates a discrepancy between males and females.

"If, on the other hand, it's done by choice, and women choose to become teachers because they truly, truly, truly want to become teachers and it has nothing to do with all the influence we've pushed on them all their lives, than that's not discrimination," Ghent said. "It's just differences in tastes and preferences."

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  - 15 Opposite of taped
  - 16 Having everything arranged just so
  - 17 Official with a stopwatch
  - 19 Goat cheese
  - 20 Bragging sort
  - 22 Uncle's partner
  - 25 Going \_\_\_ (bickering)
  - 26 Alternatives to woods
  - 27 Sags
  - 29 Pinup's leg
  - 30 Broadcast
  - 31 Resuming the previous speed, in music
  - 35 See 5-Down
  - 39 What 17-, 20-, 56- and 60-Across are?
  - 42 Writer/illustrator Silverstein
  - 43 Stroke gently
  - 44 Owns
  - 45 Firms: Abbr.
  - 47 Subject of a will
  - 49 Stable bedding
- DOWN**
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  - 2 \_\_\_ chi ch'uan
  - 3 Where the humerus and ulna are
  - 4 Doesn't level with
  - 5 With 35-Across, view from Cleveland
  - 6 Split
  - 7 Florentine painter Fra Filippo \_\_\_
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PUZZLE BY MARK FELDMAN

- 12 All gone, as dinner
- 13 Constellation elements
- 18 Stretchables
- 21 Actress Farrow
- 22 John or John Quincy
- 23 Dickens's Heep
- 24 Oslo's country, to natives
- 28 La \_\_\_, Bolivia
- 29 Takes it slow
- 32 Disney deer
- 33 Mal de \_\_\_
- 34 Lead-in to nuptial
- 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..." caller
- 48 Cassiterite
- 49 Gushes
- 50 \_\_\_ firma
- 51 Thesaurus compiler
- 52 Toward the left side of a ship
- 53 Taste or touch
- 54 Halloween goody
- 57 Down Under birds
- 58 Former G.M. make
- 61 Sign flashed by Churchill
- 62 Something that may be pricked
- 63 Apt. divisions

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Senior swimmer Kellie Logterman swims during practice on Tuesday in Ray Padovan Pool located in Lantz Arena.

## CHAMPIONSHIP, from page 12

three in most of our relays to medal and make finals for most events," Zillmer said.

Last season, the women placed fifth out of six teams.

Junior swimmer Sofia Pappanastos said an athlete's thought process changes for the conference meet.

"Conference is like you are in a different mindset," Pappanastos said.

"Your body should feel its best it's going to feel before you race. If you are in a good mindset and you have been working hard all season, it's going to pay off. We keep telling ourselves to have faith in the taper."

A tough mindset is needed, according to senior swimmer Sarah Jones, to block out slower swim marks made the week before the meet.

"At practice, you hear your times and sometimes it's not the time you want to hear and you get kind of discouraged," Jones said. "But I'm going to ignore it and going into conference, I'm going to have a positive attitude and not let anything that's happened in practice get in the way of the meet."

Bos said the meet is deeper with stronger teams than in past years. However, there will be a difference

in top times because the high-tech swimsuits were banned. Men cannot wear full body suits and are restricted to where the suit cannot go passed the knees.

"Times will be a little slower than a year ago," Bos said. "The top times got skewed a little."

This ban will not affect Eastern sophomores through seniors because they did not swim with the suits last season, but Bos said some of the freshmen might be affected.

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Wesson. Other top runners have included Coffey, Holm and countless others.

This season senior Jason Springer has taken charge of the 800-crew. Sophomore Sean Wiggan, senior Wes Sheldon, junior Justin Stewart, sophomore Reid Basting, senior Mike Connolly and Springer have posted six of the top seven times in the 800-meter run in the OVC this season.

Akers said Springer and Sheldon are two of those carrying on that tradition

of strong mid-distance runners.

Finding a leader isn't easy. They come from different parts of the team.

But in Akers' time, it has worked. The women's team has won two of the last three indoor conference championships. The men's squad has captured 11 of the last 13 three indoor conference championships.

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more discipline," Sims said. "We were willing to throw the fast passes when sometime we needed to slow it down a bit."

Sallee said he expects a strong effort from the Skyhawks who he thinks probably have the mindset that a win against Eastern would solidify their spot in the OVC Tournament.

For the same reason, Kloak said the Skyhawks are a dangerous team to be playing this time of year.

"They are here to fight for a spot in the tournament and those kinds of teams are dangerous," Kloak said. "We are going to be ready for them, and I'm pretty confident that they're going to be ready for us."

Eastern will be trying to win its 14th consecutive game.

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Ta'Kenya Nixon, freshman guard

# Nixon takes court, makes records

## Freshman records historic triple-double

By Dion Martorano  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team is undefeated in 2010 with 13 straight wins.

So far this season, freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon is one of the main ingredients in the perfect meal of success.

Nixon is a versatile player who has gobbled up her opponents one by one.

"She has that motor that can kick into another gear that a lot of other players can't keep up with," head coach Brady Sallee said. "I think her will to win comes up when she shows up to watch film outside of practice, the way she competes in practice, her willingness to come into the gym to shoot the ball extra."

This season, Nixon has won the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week award three times and been named OVC Freshman of the Week five times. Three of those times she was named Player and Freshman of the Week, including this week.

Despite the accolades, Nixon said she

learns a little more each game she plays and the records continue to fall as she became the first player since former player Megan Casad in 2004 to record a triple-double Thursday, with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

"I mean (the records) are nice because we're winning," Nixon said. "If we weren't winning, I wouldn't be too excited."

Not only did the triple-double set a new mark for the program, it was also historic for Sallee.

"Without doing all my fact-finding, I think this was the first one I have ever coached, even as an assistant," Sallee said. "So, in 17 years it is the first one I have been involved in, well, on the good side (my team) of it."

Nixon said she didn't know about her statistics against Morehead State until a reporter told her about it but said that it was awesome to accomplish the feat in the big game that it was.

Additionally, Nixon played a full 40 minutes against Morehead without an overtime period, becoming the first Panther to do so since December 2006.

While all three categories of her triple-double are important to helping the team succeed, she takes the greatest joy in getting an assist.



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Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, who had a triple-double performance during the game against Morehead State, has received the Ohio Valley Conference Player and Freshman of the Week awards for a third time this season.

"I just like it, I mean it just makes me feel good that I can not only score but I can dish the ball to a player, one of my teammates," Nixon said.

Two days after her triple-double, she broke the freshman assists record previously held by Megan Casad, who recorded 124 in the 2003-2004 season.

Nixon currently has 130 assists with at least five games left to play. Also, she only needs 12 more assists to join the top-10 highest assist totals in a season.

While Nixon has established herself as an offensive threat, she can also get the job done on the defensive side as she leads the Ohio Valley Conference in steals per game with 2.2.

Along with her triple-double, Nixon has had three double-doubles this season, her biggest being against Eastern Kentucky when she posted 16 points and 17 rebounds; yet, she still wasn't satisfied.

"She came out of that wanting to get even better," Sallee said. "Not many players get 16 points and 17 rebounds and walk out and think I need to do better. That's probably the part of her I enjoy coaching the most."

"For her, I think the sky is the limit. As long as she is willing to work, I think she will just continue to get better everyday," Sallee said.

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ATHLETIC FACILITIES

# Caring, growing fields of champions

20-member ground staff tends to athletic fields year round

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

This staff goes unnoticed by the naked eye but it is the reason why wide receivers can make sharp cuts, soccer goalies can plant their feet without slipping, umpires can call a ball fair or foul and the playing surfaces look professional on game day.

To some the members are known as gardeners and people who mow grass, but to Eastern athletics these people are known as the grounds crew.

The 20-member ground staff may have an easy job, when in all actuality the members will face many strenuous challenges this spring as they try to focus on presenting safe, quality fields to the Eastern athletic teams.

If this spring season is anything like those of the past, Justin Perry, the superintendent of grounds, should expect some improvements to be needed.

Perry said the baseball and softball fields, as well as the tennis courts, need a lot of care.

Sometimes the temperature and the harsh conditions cause the turf on the baseball and softball fields to dry up. There is a chance the bitter, cold weather could cause freeze damage to it.

Baseball doesn't have a home game until March 23, and softball doesn't have a home game until March 24.

The tennis courts had caused trouble in the past couple of seasons. The men's and women's tennis teams don't play outside on campus at Darling Courts until the middle of March.

"The tennis courts also have

problems with frost heaving," Perry said. "This is when the ground goes through freeze/thaw cycles and the asphalt and concrete shift."

However, as in every problem there is a solution.

These solutions often comes before the winter hits Eastern's campus because the grounds crew always does preparatory tasks to keep the fields and courts maintained.

"The baseball and softball fields receive fertilizers in the late fall to help build the root system and promote early spring green up," Perry said. "They are mowed up until they stop growing in November and December."

While the hardball fields take most of the effort to prepare them for winter, the tennis courts take barely any. In fact, the most Perry said his crew has to do is take down the nets and wind screens so that they don't suffer seasonal damage.

Even though the tennis courts take the least to prepare them for winter, the fact that the courts may resurface with cracks and uneven playing surfaces after the snow melts is cause for concern.

As for the coming season, the grounds crew will get back to work on the spring fields as soon as conditions allow. Head softball coach Kim Schuette said one of the ground crew's main focuses this spring will be the softball field and its newly installed turf.

"Our infield is a new surface and was added in the middle of the spring last year," Schuette said. "As of this past fall, the infield surface had still not yet settled and we have been working with the grounds crew on trying to make it as solid as possible."

Schuette said one of the positive things that could come out of this winter is that it may harden up the turf and make it more compact.

While the grounds crew sets the



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The Panther logo peeks out from the snow at Coaches Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. Various athletic fields are maintained by a 20-person crew throughout the year to make sure that all fields are ready in-season.

**"The baseball and softball fields receive fertilizers in the late fall to help build the root system and promote early spring green up."**

Justin Perry, superintendent of grounds

backbone for Eastern athletes to be able to dig their spikes into strong-rooted grass, they also provide the lines on all of the fields on Eastern's campus.

Prior to each baseball and softball game, the grounds crew paints new baselines on the fields.

These fresh, white lines help the teams and the umpires determine

fair and foul balls, what is inside and outside of the baseline and establish a batters box.

Also, in the fall, the grounds crew is responsible for painting end lines, goal lines, baselines, yard mark, and more for the athletes who perform during that season.

However, fans should always re-

member that before there was a home run, a touchdown, an ace, a goal or a championship, there is a grounds crew who cared for the field that the Panthers win on.

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# Set to start final road trip

## Panthers expect dangerous UT Martin team

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern will look to complete the season sweep of Tennessee Martin.

The last time the Eastern women's basketball team played Tennessee Martin, it dominated the Skyhawks (7-17, 5-9 Ohio Valley Conference) in a 74-47 slashing.

The Panthers (18-8, 13-1) get their chance at 7 p.m. in Martin, Tenn.

Eastern dominated every one of the game's categories, including outrebounding UT Martin by 20, outscoring from the Skyhawks bench 40-2 and doubling UT Martin's amount of points off turnovers.

This time around, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Skyhawks are not the same team that the Panthers beat on Jan. 23.

"I think now you are seeing a team that's comfortable in their own skin," Sallee said. "They are only playing about six or seven kids, and they all know what (head coach) Kevin (McMillan) is expecting out of them."

Sallee said that even more important than knowing what is expected of them is the fact that they know how they are going to win games.

"They know what type of equation they need to get a win and that's what we are going down there and playing against," Sallee said.

As for Eastern, senior forward Maggie Kloak knows there are things they can improve on despite already blowing out the Skyhawks this season.

"They play a different game than us," Kloak said. "We like to push it quick, and they like to slow it down. I'm not saying one is better than the other, but it's different for us and it will be different for them."

The Skyhawks will look to slow the pace but senior guard Dominique Sims said the Panthers' defense has to look out for all of the back cuts that UT Martin will do on offense.

In the two teams' last contest, freshman forward LaBrica Ward scored 18 points against the Panthers to lead her team. This time around, Sallee expects Ward to be the same offensive threat.

"LaBrica Ward is a problem because she can drive it and she is shooting the ball really well right now," Sallee said. "And with (Alicia) Weatherly and (Cali) Cupples also in there they have three different players who can put up big numbers on you."

Eastern did not face Weatherly in its last game against the Skyhawks, but she has been the team's leading scorer this season averaging 12.9 points per game.

Sallee said Weatherly presents a problem for the Eastern defense as far as matching up with her and keeping her at her nearly 13-point average.

"I guess the biggest thing with her is that she really knows how to score the ball from anywhere," he said. "She can shoot it. She can go off of the dribble. In between shots she can post you up."



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Freshman forward Mariah King passes the ball to senior guard Ashley Thomas during the game against Morehead State Thursday night in Lantz Arena.

Something the Panthers will look to improve upon their last game is turnovers. Against Eastern Kentucky Saturday, Eastern turned the

ball over 23 times. "We did turn the ball over a lot but I think we just needed to play FINAL, page 9

## VIEWS



Kevin Murphy

# Track and field should follow top leader

Finding the leader on Eastern track and field teams isn't easy. That's because there are a lot of people on the team.

Looking at the top - head coach Tom Akers is one place to start but he doesn't get anywhere without the assistance of his other coaches.

That includes Jessica Sommerfeld (throws), Kyle Ellis (pole vault), Brad Butler (distance), Brenton Emanuel (sprints), Clint Coffey (mid-distance) and even help from Mary Wallace, assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator.

But even their effort is not enough. They rely on the athletes. And they rely on captains.

Last season David Holm and Zye Boey showed leadership on the track by qualifying for the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

This season the leadership has come from a variety of those people. That includes junior Darren Patterson, who's fulfilled his role of the top sprinter, replacing Boey for the indoor season.

Akers said Patterson's even realized that the 60-meter dash is not even his best role and the 200- and 400- meter dashes are suited better for the transfer from Rend Lake College.

And with a large team such as a track team, like football, finding one's role isn't easy.

Patterson shows his prowess and abilities on the track by posting some of the top times in the Ohio Valley Conference in the sprints.

Then there's Chandra Golden. She's been a leader for the past three seasons with her sprint core -- Tarra Grant and Shawana Smith.

She's doing it again this season, but this time she is a senior.

"She rises to the occasion," Akers said.

O'Grady wasn't satisfied with her time at Iowa State. The senior leads a corp of young distance runners. And she's had to do this without a coach - Geoff Masanet left in early January.

The 2006 OVC Cross Country Freshman of the Year realizes there's only so much time left. She has the Friday night Special and the OVC Indoor Championships before her indoor season comes to a close.

"Hopefully the youngsters will take notice," Akers said of how an athlete only has four years to compete.

O'Grady said Coffey and Butler have been key with helping out the distance and mid-distance crews.

"I just go to practice and try to be a good example," O'Grady said. "My goal is to lead by example and to show the girls how to work hard."

O'Grady's been part of a distance crew that's tried to score more and more points each season.

"She's got the right attitude," Akers said.

A group that has the right attitude and the right swagger without being cocky has been the mid-distance crew (or as their T-shirts have said the 800 crew).

Akers attests their leadership and top performances to the work of former runner Chris LEADER, page 9

## SWIMMING | SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

# Swimmers dart for Indy championship

## Panthers to compete in Summit League Championship

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

This is it. Eastern swimmers have constantly said they have worked all year to arrive at this point and race their best in the final meet—the Summit League Championship.

The Panthers will try and show off their abilities in the meet, taking place Thursday through Saturday at Indianapolis, Ind., and bring home some medals.

Head swim coach Matt Bos said he is confident on how his teams will perform.

"We are probably where we want

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Brian Strole, senior swimmer

to be," Bos said.

"These last two weeks, we have been doing less and everyone's bodies start to react differently. Sometimes it's hard to get a real good gauge."

Bos said the taper a few days before the Summit League meet is basically just a warm-up, some swimming and a cool down.

He thinks his swimmers will pick up speed and perform well.

"People train hard all year and they will swim fast at the meet,"

Bos said.

"We try to hit it down to a three, four day slot where we are trying to feel our very best."

The men's team is aiming to finish in second, senior swimmer Brian Strole said, as it placed third in the 2009 championship.

"Last year, we had a good meet but this year I feel like with the freshmen that we got, we have a better chance of reaching second place, which is really big for us," Strole said. "I feel we will be able to break a lot of records that we broke last year."

Senior swimmer Lauren Zillmer said the women are hoping to get a top-three team finish in the meet.

Possibly, the women can place second to Oakland, she said, who is a swimming powerhouse.

"We are also trying to get top-CHAMPIONSHIP, page 9

## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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

Softball  
Sunday vs. Temple  
9 a.m. - Atlanta, Ga.

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## NATIONAL SPORTS

Winter Olympics  
Skating and snowboarding  
7 p.m. on NBC

NBA  
Nuggets at Cavaliers  
7 p.m. on TNT

College Basketball  
Wisconsin at Minnesota  
8 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball  
Pittsburgh at Marquette  
8 p.m. on ESPN

NBA  
Celtics at Lakers  
9:30 p.m. on TNT