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UNIVERSITY | GRADUATE

Grad school applications remain stable

U.S. statistics show first ever drop in grad applications while economy dives

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

For the first time in higher education’s history, applications to graduate programs have not increased in a time of recession, sparking interest in economists and educators alike.

However, Eastern’s estimated applicants and enrollment remain stable but unclear, despite the ominous international forecast.

“In a snapshot that we took in December for the projected enrollment, we were running behind in projected applicants,” Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, said. “The snapshot we took just a few days ago has us at about par with the enrollment of last year. Nothing is exact until we can do our 10th day survey, which happens after the start of a semester.”

The U.S. Department of Education released statistics in which the number of students taking the Graduate Record Examination to enter graduate programs globally has decreased for the first time in periods of economic distress. The department cites that these numbers are directly correlated to the number of applicants and the number of students enrolled in graduate school.

“Typically, during times of down economy, students go back to school to increase their professional opportunities,” President Bill Perry said. “It is unfortunate that this recession has had the adverse affect on the nation.”

From 2007 to 2008, the GRE dropped approximately 12,000 applicants collectively. In 2009, enrollment volume in the U.S. is expected to lose 7,000 students. International numbers approximate a 5,000-student loss.

However, Eastern’s current estimate ranges the number of possible enrollment at just 36 fewer students, which can be looked at as stable, Augustine said.

“This number doesn’t take into effect our off-campus cohorts and international students,” he said.

Augustine believes that the adverse effects of this economic recession on graduate schools have not reached Eastern because of the unique qualities it has.

“We only offer a master’s program instead of the Ph.D., which narrows down those that aren’t ready to make a commitment to such rigorous, time-consuming programs,” he said. “We also offer some very successful, competitive areas of study.”

Graduate programs with the highest enrollment include historical administration, educational administration, communication disorders, college student affairs and the sciences.

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Paul McCann recently took over the position of interim vice president for business affairs after Jeff Cooley retired. McCann is still performing the duties of his previous position as treasurer and director of business management.

Interim VPBA tests new waters

Search continues for permanent employment

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

The array of new responsibilities can be daunting to some, Paul McCann, interim vice president of business affairs, said.

But his experience in the Business Affairs Office has allowed him to “acclimatize well into the position.”

“We have a lot of good people in this division and they are really helping me get through things,” he said.

McCann started Jan. 1 after the retirement of Jeff Cooley, former vice president for business affairs.

He previously worked within the office as the treasurer and director of business management for more than two years.

“I think that McCann has done a terrific job and made the smoothest transition into the

interim that we could have hoped for,” President Bill Perry said.

McCann’s experience behind the scenes made him the prime candidate for the interim. However, his position did not prepare him for everything the new position entails.

“I’ve seen a lot of it, but there are also a bunch of new things that I was not accustomed to like safety – the campus safety plan – and various personnel issues,” McCann said. “But I’ve been working within this faction and

becoming more and more comfortable with them.”

He described the job as something that can appear daunting.

“This position is essentially running the business side of the university and there is a tremendous spectrum of areas you are involved with,” he said. “Aspects like construction, risk management, network maintenance and ITS all filter into the one position.”

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CAMPUS | HEALTH

Student resistance poses problem for antibiotics

Antibiotics should be used with precaution

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

As the weather stays in the lower temperatures, students might feel symptoms such as a fever or sore throat, and want to take left-over antibiotics from a previous illness.

Bacteria in the body can become resistant toward the antibiotic and then unable to work in the future.

Dr. Sheila Baker, medical director for health services, said antibiotics should only be used for bacterial infections.

“All antibiotics should be prescribed by a physician and should never be over-the-counter,” she said. “If someone has a confirmed bacterial infection, then they need to take antibiotics.”

Bacterial infections requiring

antibiotics include strep throat, some skin infections, pneumonia and urinary tract infections.

Baker said some students with frequent bacterial infections could run the risk of becoming resistant to some antibiotics.

“There is concern for resistance, but there are still some affective antibiotics for certain infections,” she said. “In general, there has been an excessive usage of antibiotics for the past several decades, which has caused a lot of resistance.”

Ramona Tomshack, an infection preventionist from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, said tests can be run to know if someone has become resistant toward a certain antibiotic.

“There are a lot of tests we can run to see how sensitive or resistant the organisms are,” she said. “It all depends on the organisms.”

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KATELYN DEALMEIDA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A Health Services Pharmacy employee displays some of the more common antibiotics prescribed to Eastern’s students.

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CAMPUS| CONSTRUCTION

Plans developed for area

BY JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

As students walk around campus, some might notice the fenced-in parking lot across from Buzzard Hall.

Facilities Planning and Management has developed plans for this particular area and plan to use it for construction projects that will cost around \$1.8 million.

Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said this space was closed to parking and has been used now for contractor lay-down space.

"It has been used almost exclusively since Booth Library's renovation," he said.

Reed said the Campus Master Plan calls for this space to become a green plaza area consistent with the goal of making the campus core more pedestrian friendly.

"An important aspect of the plan directs us to locate parking facilities to the campus perimeter allowing us to migrate toward more green space in the core," he said.

"This is similar to what is planned for the space between Doudna (Fine Arts Center) and (Martin Luther King Jr. University Union)."

Stephen Shrake, associate director of Facilities Planning and Management, said this summer the area will be used as a staging area for a high voltage

electrical project and for construction for a significant remodeling project in the Biological Life Science Building.

The high voltage electrical project will help replace underground lead cables that feed electricity to various campus buildings.

"The high voltage project is a capital development board project and has been bid on, and contracts are being prepared," he said.

Shrake said the timeline for this project could extend into late fall. "It could get started within the next few weeks depending on weather," he said.

Shrake said the life science project is also a capital development board project, but they are just waiting on a bid date to be set by them.

"It will not begin until spring semester and should be completed by the beginning of the fall semester," he said. "The ventilation system is being upgraded in some of the labs. It will require the removal and replacement of ceilings to install new ductwork."

Shrake said \$1.8 million, give or take, is the cost of the electrical project, and \$380,000 is the cost for the life science project.

"The high voltage project will provide dependable power throughout the campus when the aging cables are replaced," he said. "The life science project will improve the ventilation in the building."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

12 students perform at Open Mic

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Artist Shwayze was announced as the opening act for Lupe Fiasco for Eastern's spring concert during Wednesday's Open Mic Night.

"The offer went through," said Sheila Hurley, University Board concert coordinator. "The winner to 'So You Think You Can Rap' might be a pre-opening act as well."

Twelve students rocked the microphone at Open Mic Night.

"I don't have one person that I really like," said Lauren Phillips, UB mainstage coordinator. "Everyone is so diverse and one person doesn't stand out more than the rest."

Phillips started Open Mic Night by performing "Devil's Fool," an original song of hers.

Brian Andries, a senior communications major, said he has not had time for Open Mic Night lately so he enjoyed getting back on the stage.

Andries performed "About a Girl" by The Academy Is... and

his own song called "Sex Talk" performed to the beat of Metro Station's "Shake It."

"I try to think about what's popular at the time (when writing a song)," Andries said. "I've also done a bad love song to the beat of 'Hey There Delilah.'"

Andries said he has been performing for seven years, starting back in high school. He writes songs for a sketch comedy group on campus called Lunchbox Voodoo.

Joshua Anderson, a junior from Lakeland Community College, performed two original songs called "Purpose" and "Wasting Teardrops."

He goes by the name Jay-Are.

"I would say my songs are inspired by situations that everybody goes through," Anderson said. "I'm getting over a cold so I was hoping my voice would come through."

A rapper by the name B. Woods, a freshman undecided major, performed the song "Cannon" by Lil Wayne and an original song of his called "Powerful." This was his fourth Open Mic.

"I feel in touch with the music, he



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman biology major Jared "Ziggy" Chuck sings "Poor Boy" at Open Mic Night at the 7th Street Underground on Wednesday night.

said.

Alexandria Young, a freshman biology major with teacher certification, performed the song "The Truth" by India Arie.

"I like to sing, so any time I can do that it is a plus," she said. "You really can't describe the feeling you

get when you are up there."

Artist 3-D won the competition. Jay-Are took second, Alexandria Young third, and Vaushawn Brown and Stephen Tyler fourth.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Transfer event hosts bowling, speed mingling

The Transfer Relations Office is holding an open event from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bowling Lanes. The event includes discounted bowling for \$1.75, speed mingling starting at 4:30, Nintendo Wii gaming, free food and door prizes.

Apportionment Board meeting tonight

The Apportionment Board will have its first meeting of the semester today. The University Board is asking AB for \$31,000 for three different lectures.

The meeting will take place in the Arcola/Tuscola Room at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz and Student Government Editor Bob Bajek

BLOTTER

Kyle Zerrusen, 21, of Effingham, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 after a 2:01 a.m. arrest on Jan. 17 at the 1300 block of Seventh Street, said the University Police Department.

CORRECTION

Irvin Jean-Charles' name was misspelled in a photo cut line on page 2 of Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Also, Captain Thomas Taylor was misquoted. Taylor said, "We are a relatively young program, but we anticipate the program's growth in the upcoming years."

The DEN regrets the errors.

CAMPUS | SENATE

Proposed bylaw removed from Senate vote

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

A proposed bylaw concerning the definition of absences at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting caused significant debate and its ultimate removal from a vote.

Mark Olendzki, author of the proposal, removed the bylaw from a vote after two amendments to the proposed bylaw were passed. The authors will revise the legislation before bringing the proposal back later.

"I felt the original language of the

bill was satisfactory, but the will of the senate said otherwise," Olendzki said.

The document stated that Student Senate members cannot have more than 30 days of absences in an academic year. If the absences extend 30 days, the representative would be forced to resign.

Isaac Sandidge, Student Senate member, proposed the first amendment that called for a 30-day leave of absence per semester.

Student Senate member Christopher Kromphardt asked to amend the same section further by allowing

the Student Senate speaker to have discretion over absences.

The language of the proposal, Olendzki said, has no restrictions.

"I and other senators were of the opinion it should be up to the discretion of the speaker on what is a reasonable absence and not, Kromphardt said."

The other requirements, health and personal, still remain.

Kromphardt said undefined absences have been a problem in the past, but would not comment on who abused this privilege

because he cannot confirm their names with certainty.

In other business, an allocation of \$7,000 was approved for the Conference of Student Government Associations by a vote of 15-1-3.

Student Vice President Eric Wilber said a meeting for discussion of fee increases and out-of-state tuition would be held April 27.

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Too many
Facebook friends

I check my Facebook account every day and undoubtedly every day somebody I have never heard of wants to be my friend – a Facebook friend hunter.

Usually these people have hundreds upon hundreds of friends. This got me wondering, how many Facebook friends are too many?

According to a *New York Times* article, people with more than 800 friends are perceived to be insecure.

Now, before those of you that do have several hundred Facebook friends flip out, please reread the previous sentence: The study did not conclude people with hundreds of Facebook friends were actually insecure, they were just perceived by others as being insecure.

Another commonality that I see with these friend hunters is they all seem to have several hundred photos of themselves available for the viewing pleasure of their extensive friends list.

This could be considered a double whammy because these friend hunters might now be perceived as narcissistic in addition to the already perceived insecurity.

I would not add anyone to my friend list that I would not talk to on at least a monthly basis, which leaves me with 83 friends. Maybe this has something to do with my age – 30.

Check out your own friends on Facebook and you will probably notice the same thing that I have – one's Facebook friend numbers are inversely proportional to their age. Older people have fewer friends, younger people have many more friends.

A friend on Facebook is not a real friend. How many of your Facebook friends would you ask to house-sit while you're on a 30-day vacation? How many of your Facebook friends actually know you?

I am not implying that one should only have actual friends listed as friends on Facebook. Facebook is a social networking program and your friend is actually a contact in your own social network.

Believing that everyone on your friend list is actually your friend, however, can be disillusioning, especially if you not only fall into the category of being perceived as being insecure, but in fact are.

This is something one should consider before searching for a job because it is a double-edged sword.

Maybe an employer will see that you have 800 friends and think, "Wow, this person is not afraid to meet and speak with new people."

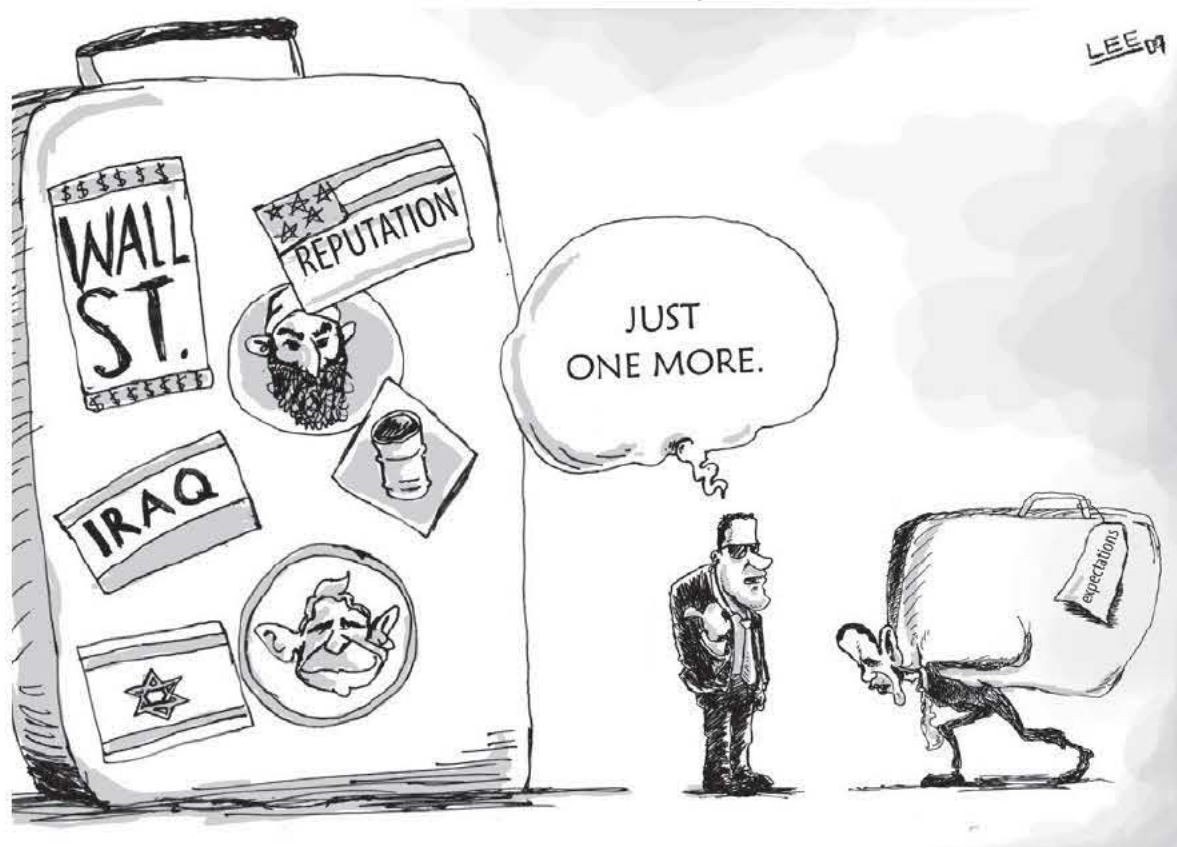
Or an employer could see that and think, "What is this person trying to compensate for?"

Unfortunately perception is reality, so make sure to decide how you want to be perceived.

Eventually, everyone will have 800 friends and perceptions will change, but until the general consensus changes, those of you with ridiculous friend numbers should change for your own benefit.

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Antibiotics not much defense
against 'super bugs'

Temperatures dropped to nearly minus 10 degrees last week, but students may have felt a little colder than that with the wind chill.

With every winter comes nasty temperatures and even nastier sicknesses. Students taking antibiotics such as penicillin or amoxicillin to get rid of their ailing health may want to think again.

This may not come as a shock to some, but many bacterial diseases build up resistances to antibiotics, if used frequently.

There are measures other than antibiotics students can take to evade bacterial infections such as throat infections, ear infections or pneumonia.

For starters, students can begin to wear surgical gloves and a doctor's mask everywhere to be certain they do not contract any diseases or infections.

And though it may not be as practical or inexpensive, students may also want to think about renting out a hefty bubble for the season. Anyone remember that "Seinfeld" episode?

Some steps students could take during this harsh season do not always have to rely on antibiotics.

After all, antibiotics do not work against the common cold, the flu or sore throats.

They work best against some of the bacterial infections listed above.

Dr. Sheila Baker, medical director at health services, said students should only take antibiotics for bacterial infections, not viral infections, if they want results. She said students who excessively treat their ailments with antibiotics run the risk of developing "super bugs."

According to WebMD, each time someone takes antibiotics, they run the risk of not killing all the bacteria. Because of this, the bacteria can develop a resistance and turn into super bugs,

"Some students overusing antibiotics can develop super bugs, meaning the super bugs would then be contagious to others."

which are harder to get rid of.

Students who think taking more antibiotics will help them become less contagious are also wrong.

Some students overusing antibiotics can develop super bugs, meaning the super bugs would then be contagious to others.

Some tips to help avoid illness this season are to take vitamins, eat healthy and stay away from sick people if possible.

Vitamins help boost a person's immune system and eating healthy will reinforce it as well.

Baker said when preventing bacterial infections, students should take the same precautions as they would to viral infections.

"Hand washing, avoiding contact and not sharing items is by far the best way to avoid this," she said. "Keep a healthy immune system."

And just remember, if you plan on renting out a bubble for the season, make sure to steer clear of intense games of Trivial Pursuit.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE POLITICS OF RECYCLING

INDIANA U. — Spoiler alert: People watch TV shows online nowadays.

Each major network's Web site includes a substantial video and episode gallery, and co-op Web sites, such as Hulu, a joint venture between News Corp. and NBC Universal, are bringing more and more content to the Web.

Up until now, viewers and users have seen this democratizing of content as nothing but a great change with the technology. Clearly there are bene-

fits when the networks provide full episodes online. We don't have to watch the program live or worry about setting the DVR, and the "related content" features help us find more in just a click.

We've all been able to embrace this move toward more online TV, because the networks behind them see great visitor ratings and ad revenue. During Gov. Sarah Palin's stint as the Republican vice presidential candidate and the subsequent parodies by Tina Fey and "Saturday Night Live," Hulu experienced more than 5 million unique viewers each

month. Hulu's online ad sales for the fourth quarter in 2008 were up compared to 2007, and the same results were seen by CBS and ABC's video pages.

But as the market for online video gets more competitive and the money gets tighter, things are going to become very interesting. There are quite a few issues that have complicated and will continue to complicate the online video sector.

Cory Barker
Indiana Daily Student

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» VPBA

FROM PAGE 1

McCann believes having the position in interim adds to the complexity of the job.

"I think that instead of having two people in this office, now you got one person in this office with the knowledge," he said. "It's been a little difficult to find the time to do everything, but the people in the office help me get what I need done."

McCann said he grappled with the issue of authority because of his position as interim. He argued with himself over what to do and

not do, and how much power to take. Yet, he still had goals that would possibly make his position permanent.

"I certainly had aspirations to look at the position, but I wasn't selected by the committee," McCann said. "So, you know, I'll continue on and do the best that I can to support the university."

The committee to hire the new vice president for business affairs, comprised of 12 members, has selected three candidates for the position, narrowed down from 39 applicants.

William Weber, associate vice president in charge of the budget office, has worked with McCann.

However, McCann does not

believe his Eastern connections put Weber above the rest.

"Being internal really isn't an advantage or a disadvantage," he said. "I think it's terribly important that we find the right person to fill the position, and Bill has a lot of knowledge about the campus and how we do things around here."

Patrick Kirby of Buda, Texas, and Donald Chrusciel of Ames, Iowa, are the two external candidates that have been selected for committee interview.

"I think it should be interesting to see how they present themselves and their ideas," McCann said.

Robert Augustine, dean of the

Graduate School and chair of the search committee said they will focus on highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates in the interview process.

"This is a tough job and we have highly qualified candidates, so we are going to be vigorous and find the absolute best person for the position," he said.

On-campus interviews are scheduled for February.

The committee should submit a report on the interviews to the president on Feb. 25.

Perry said qualifications for the position have not been revised since Cooley's hiring in 1999.

"But, with any position, you have to look at the societal dif-

ferences and the current climate of the university," he said. "Each person serves a different time and environment and we are looking for someone to fit these times."

McCann said the tentative timeline is to hire the new vice president for business affairs by April 1.

He will remain in the position until then or until the new hire can arrange his start.

"I don't mind being constantly busy," he said. "My life is one thing after another. I have a lot of activities in my life, and that's fine."

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» Antibiotics

FROM PAGE 1

Baker said even if someone does not use many antibiotics, they could still grow a resistance to antibiotics by being exposed to someone who uses them excessively.

"It does not mean everyone

is gaining a resistance," she said. "We just know it is possible."

Students who overuse antibiotics develop super bugs.

Super bugs are bacteria that develop a resistance to antibiotics.

Baker said students should not use antibiotics for viral infections, such as colds.

"Only when secondary infections come up, such as an ear infection, which is when the anti-

biotic will be appropriate," she said. "For colds, over-the-counter medicines can be used to make one feel better, but time only makes it go away."

Baker said students can prevent both viral and bacterial infections in several ways.

"Hand washing, avoiding contact and not sharing items is by far the best way to avoid (infections)," she said. "Keep a healthy immune

system."

Kayla Peters, a senior education major, said she is constantly trying to stay clear of bacterial infections.

"I wash my hands and use hand gels like after using the computer or something," she said.

Peters said students should be conscious of catching and spreading infections.

"If you're not taking care of

yourself then it starts a cycle of taking antibiotics that you can end up being resistant to," she said.

Baker said students should take a better look and be aware of their antibiotic intake.

"The whole United States has to be very conscientious of appropriate antibiotic use," she said.

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» Graduate

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"These programs are highly sought after and have a small availability with large applicant pools," Perry said.

Knowledge and marketing for the program have also aided in maintaining the stability of the school.

"We are a small school, but we have a great word-of-mouth reputation and strong programs," Perry said.

However, national marketing campaigns to entice more applicants to graduate school programs have not fared as well.

The Education Testing Service marketed a campaign that encouraged students to take the GRE even if they did not know if

they would enroll, which began a year ago. Since then, numbers have not increased.

Associate Vice President of the ETS David Payne said at a December press conference that one of the reasons the numbers are down is because of the issues with credit the students are facing.

If students believe they will not get the financial support

they need, they will not apply, he said.

Perry believes that other factors also contribute to the fall in applications.

"Because the economic recession is global, you have to think about what other groups are doing," he said. "Many colleges' and universities' graduate students are international."

"Their government might not

be sponsoring as many visas. The companies that sponsor students might need to cut back and thus we have less applicants. The fact is, there is going to be variation from institution to institution, but as of now, we feel optimistic that our school remains an anomaly to those statistics."

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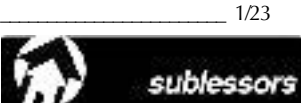
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT MURRAY STATE

Revenge, rematch on mind

First place on the line
tonight in Murray, Ky.

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee does not need to get his team motivated to face Murray State.

After last season's 69-58 loss to the Racers in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship, a loss that ended the Panthers' season and cost them a bid to the NCAA Tournament, the team has plenty of motivation. Senior forward Rachel Galligan, who scored 23 points in last year's loss, said the team has made a point to not look ahead throughout the season, but now that Murray State is up next on their schedule, they can finally start to get excited.

"Obviously, a lot of us have looked forward to this game for a long time," she said.

The Panthers and Racers enter today's game (5:15 p.m. in Murray, Ky.) in a first place tie in the OVC with records of 6-1, and the winner will control their own destiny the rest of the season.

"You go into it and you're going to have two first place teams playing in the middle of January," Sallee said. "It's a marquee game."

Eastern will have several factors working against them that they will need to overcome against the Racers. Its 2-6 record away from Lantz Arena



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Eastern junior forward Maggie Kloak attempts a shot against Morehead State on Saturday at Lantz Arena. The Panthers battle for first-place in the league today against Murray State at 5:15 p.m. in Murray, Ky.

combined with the fact that the Panthers have not won in Murray since 2002 will be a factor. Additionally, the Panthers will have to deal with three dynamic Murray State scorers, two of which are averaging more than

20 points per game in senior forward Ashley Hayes (21.1) and senior guard Amber Guffey (21).

"They've got some dynamic scorers and can really scare the heck out of you," Sallee said. "But at the end of

the day both teams can put the ball in the basket. It's going to come down to which team plays defense and who rebounds."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT MURRAY STATE

Team plays against Racers' up-tempo style

Panthers need to play
tight defense to win
for road league win

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

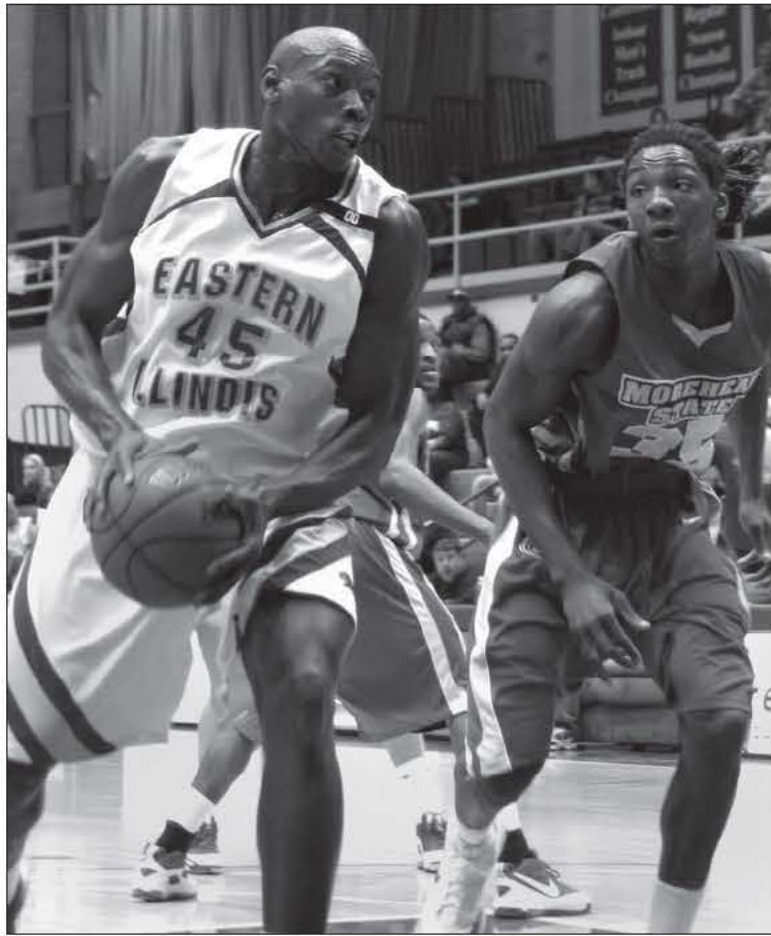
Transition defense will be the key for the Eastern men's basketball team against Murray State Thursday if the Panthers want to continue their three-game win streak and continue to climb the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

The Panthers (8-9, 5-2 OVC) will travel to Murray State (8-9, 3-4) to play the team picked to finish first in the conference in the preseason.

"This team is really athletic and real fast so all they try to do is push the ball up the floor," Eastern sophomore guard Tyler Laser said. "So our guards have to step out and get in the holes. If we do a good job of that we will do fine."

Laser said the team will play its normal defense because this is something they focus on, but said that Eastern head coach Mike Miller has been putting emphasis on it and making them more aware of it during the week.

"I think we are going to have to do a good job getting back down the floor," Miller said. "They are an athletic team that can score and



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Eastern junior center Ousmane Cisse drives past Morehead State sophomore center Kenneth Faried during the men's basketball game Saturday night in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play at Murray State at 7:30 p.m.

they are a balanced team."

Senior guard Danero Thomas leads a balanced Murray State

offense scoring 11 points per game, with sophomore guard Issac Miles right behind with 10.8

points per contest.

Miller said although they like to play up-tempo they can play a number of different styles.

"I've seen them play fast, but I've also seen them play in the half-court too," Miller said. "Going into it we can't give up the transition and turnover points and putbacks. We are going to have to put pressure on them too and play good offensively."

The Racers are last in the conference in points per game scoring 66.7 ppg, but their major strength is on the defensive end as they only allow 64.7 ppg, first in the conference.

The rest of the team contributes with five players scoring between 9.8 and 5.7 ppg.

This will be the first of a two-game conference road stretch for the Panthers as they won a pair of games last weekend at Lantz Arena.

Eastern has won three of four conference home games, and are 2-1 on the road.

The two conference road wins, however, have come against the two last-place teams in the conference, Southeast Missouri (3-16, 0-8) and Jacksonville State (8-8, 2-5).

Laser said he is excited to go on the road.

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