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CAMPUS | SAFETY

CAUTION: DON'T GET SCAMMED



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Last semester, several students' bank accounts had money taken out of them. UPD and First Mid-Illinois Bank are working together to make sure students know how to protect their information, with flyers warning of a "scam alert."

First Mid Bank and UPD work to prevent scams and identity theft

By Cathy Bayer
Police and Courts Reporter

Each time Lori Mane sees someone pull up backwards to the ATM or even park in front of the machine and exit a vehicle, she fights the urge to run up and hug him.

"I want to go around and say, 'Thank you for protecting your PIN!'"

Mane is the branch manager for First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and banking and bank security both excite and concern her.

She's part of the reason flyers are posted on campus to inform students of a "scam alert" going around. The flyers are a joint effort by First Mid and the University Police Department.

Toward the end of fall semester, there were allegations that money was taken out of a few bank accounts.

Only a few students have been affected, said University Police Chief Adam Due, and he wants to keep it that way. These cases are under investigation with UPD.

Cases like this happen because people are too trusting or inexperienced with money, Due said. Some people are quick to give out personal information to friends.

The tips and reminders might seem obvious, but people – especially students – are still making mistakes.

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CAMPUS | BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Rewiring project to start in summer

\$4 million project to replace 30s-era wiring, will be paid for by state

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior University Reporter

Designing is underway to replace electric wiring that dates back to the 1920s and 1930s.

The \$4 million electric re-wiring project is scheduled to start at the end of the semester and is expected to be completed in the fall.

"The electric infrastructure was so old that it was failing," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

Some parts of campus have lead-insulated cables, which have been out of production for more than 20 years.

Cooley added certain wiring is older than other wiring on campus, and those would be the areas constructed on.

Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said the new wiring would limit electrical outages.

He added a major part of the project is to provide a new power feed for the south end of campus.

The lead-insulated cables would be replaced with 15,000 volt-rated rubber-insulated cables, Reed said.

He added the intent of the electric plan is to raise the campus distribution voltage from 4,160 volts to 12,470 volts through the rubber-insulated cables.

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UNIVERSITY | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Bill Nye takes senate spotlight

Ogulnick leaves two committee positions open, will select chairpersons in upcoming weeks

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Seven senators were appointed as chairpersons for the nine Student Government committees during Wednesday's senate meeting.

The University Development and Recycling and Housing committees will not have committee chairpersons appointed until next week's senate meeting.

"For Housing and University Development and Recycling, I didn't find anyone experienced enough to hold those positions," said Megan Ogulnick, speaker of the senate. "We have vastly experienced returning senators who did not apply as well as experienced incoming senators who are welcome to apply for these positions."

Ogulnick said she will be taking applications and conducting interviews until the next Senate meeting, in which she will either make the appointments or leave the positions open again.

The Senate voted 21-0 to table the bill that would approve a \$22,870 allocation to the University Board for Bill Nye to con-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student senators look on as Richard Higginbotham, student vice president for student affairs, addresses the Senate on Wednesday. The Senate was back in session for the first time since December and discussed new issues on the agenda such as University Board's plan to bring Bill Nye as a speaker to Eastern.

duct a lecture on campus. The bill will be approved or declined at next week's meeting allowing senators, students and community members to inspect the bill if desired.

Senator Ryan Kerch, who is also UB's lecture coordinator, spoke to the senate alongside Amy Baumgart of the Student

Life office.

Baumgart said after receiving countless letters to the Student Life office regarding Nye, UB is now anticipating its largest turnout for a lecture.

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Expect snow this morning with up to 1 inch in accumulation. Next chance of precipitation is Friday night with a significant drop in daytime temperatures for Saturday and Sunday.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

McConaughey, girlfriend expecting a baby

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matthew McConaughey is going to be a father.

The actor and his girlfriend, Brazilian model Camila Alves, are expecting a baby, publicist Alan Nierob said Tuesday.

McConaughey made the announcement on his Web site.

"Got some blessed news ... a celebration of life and bounty ... a newborn conceived (sic) ... yes, my girlfriend Camila and I made a baby together," McConaughey wrote.

Alves, who is three months along, is doing well, the actor wrote.

"We are stoked and wowed by this miracle of creation and this gift from God, and so excited for the adventure that will come in raising this child, being a mother and a father," he said.

McConaughey goes on to say, "Wish us the best, keep us in your prayers and God bless evolution."

'American Idol' remains popular, but not as much

NEW YORK — Fox's "American Idol" returned as the nation's most popular TV series, but with 4 million fewer viewers than the 2007 season premiere.

Tuesday's debut was seen by an estimated 33.2 million viewers, down 11 percent from the 37.4 million who watched the first show, according to preliminary ratings by Nielsen Media Research.

That still ranks as the most-watched show of the TV season, excluding sports. The previous high was the 25.4 million who saw the season premiere of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" on CBS in the fall.

Stones documentary to open Berlin festival

BERLIN — "Shine a Light," Martin Scorsese's documentary on the Rolling Stones, will open the Berlin film festival next month.

Scorsese and the band will attend the Feb. 7 screening, organizers said Tuesday. The annual event, the first of the year's major European film festivals, ends Feb. 17.

"We are extremely excited to have the world premiere of this magnificent film as our opening gala," festival director Dieter Kosslick said. "Martin Scorsese has captured the pure essence of an iconic band on the big screen."

"Shine a Light" documents two concerts by the Stones at New York's Beacon Theatre, on Oct. 29 and Nov. 1, 2006. It also includes rarely seen archive and behind-the-scenes footage, as well as interviews, the festival said.

Scorsese, 65, won an Oscar for directing 2006's "The Departed."

He has made other films focusing on music stars, including the 2005 documentary "No Direction Home: Bob Dylan" and 1978's "The Last Waltz," chronicling the all-star farewell concert by The Band.

Photo of the day: Perfecting the tune



MITCH SURPRENANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matt Meehan, a sophomore music performance major, practices his trombone outside McAfee Gymnasium on Wednesday.

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

Twin brothers earn perfects on entrance test

The Associated Press

BELLEVUE, Neb. — Brian and Ross DeVol are a perfect match, genetically and academically: The identical twins earned perfect ACT scores.

The seniors at suburban Bellevue East High School both scored 36 on the college entrance exam, though Ross DeVol needed three tries. One of his earlier tries netted a 35.

The brothers are both good in physics and are considering the University of Nebraska or Creighton University in Omaha as their college choices, Bellevue school district spokeswoman Cathy Williams said Wednesday. A phone message left at the DeVols' home wasn't immediately returned.

The DeVols are only the third pair of students in the past decade to earn perfect scores in the same year and share the same address, ACT spokeswoman Kristin Crouse said.

About one out of every 4,000 graduates who took

the ACT last year scored a 36. The average score in Nebraska was 22.1, and the national average was 21.2.

Man shoots himself during robbery

KOKOMO, Ind. — A man accidentally shot himself in the groin as he was robbing a convenience store Tuesday, police said.

A clerk told police a man carrying a semiautomatic handgun entered the Village Pantry demanding cash and a pack of cigarettes. The clerk put the cash in a bag and as she turned to get the cigarettes, she heard the gun discharge.

Police say surveillance video shows the man shooting himself as he placed the gun in the waistband of his pants. The clerk wasn't injured. A short time later, police found 25-year-old Derrick Kosch at a home with a gunshot wound to his right testicle and lower left leg.

Kosch was released from the hospital Tuesday and booked into the Howard County jail on a charge of armed robbery, criminal recklessness and battery.

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CAMPUS | FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



MOLLY CLUTTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dr. Craig Eckert, sociology professor at Eastern, takes a break in between classes. Eckert is the mayor of Philo, Ill., and often likes to take his shoes off while teaching class.

Working twice as hard for the people

Eastern professor, mayor encourages passion for interests

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Craig Eckert, of the sociology department, is putting into action the advice he gives to his students.

"One thing I try to instill in my students is a sense of involvement: being involved in your company, community, family, and doing it to the best of your ability," Eckert said.

While teaching at Eastern, Eckert is also mayor of Philo. Eckert describes Philo, which is 12 miles southeast of Champaign, as "a very tight-knit rural community."

Politics have always been of interest to Eckert for as long as he can remember.

"I think my being interested in politics was a product of growing up in the 1960s," Eckert said. "I was coming of age when the Vietnam War was going on, riots were taking place. I grew up right outside of New York City. I can vividly remember riots in Jersey City, the town right next to me."

Eckert, who has been at Eastern for more than 20 years, teaches classes on race, stratification, political sociology and the senior seminar on the '60s.

He enjoys leaving an impression

on his students with more than just the typical facts of class.

"I try to always tell them the facts and information. They'll forget, that's a given," Eckert said. "But I try to instill a sense of having a passion towards something that you believe, or are committed to something so passionately that it is something that you want to spend your life doing."

Abbey Halcli is one student who sticks out in Eckert's mind about instilling passion in his students. She was one of Eckert's students during his first semester at Eastern.

"To this day, (Halcli) is the most phenomenal student I had here, just brilliant, and (she) is now a professor in England," Eckert said. "I think that's ironic that in the first class I had some impact on Abbey and she's gone on to be a professor herself."

Gary Foster, chair of the sociology and anthropology department, has known Eckert since the spring of 1986, when Eckert interviewed for a position at Eastern. Foster has seen Eckert's passion for teaching.

"Part of his success as a professor is the passion he holds for the subject matter," Foster said. "That passion is obvious and it becomes contagious, permeating and infecting students with interest."

While teaching about political issues, Eckert came across the opportunity 11 years ago to become mayor of Philo, the village where he lives.

Eckert has lived in Philo for 17 years, and the last 11 as mayor.

He started out as a trustee before becoming mayor.

"The person across the street from me was a trustee. He moved to Arkansas and asked if I would like to fill out his unexpired term," Eckert said. "I served about two or three years as a trustee and then we had an untimely and tragic death of our mayor and when she died, there were about two years left on her term."

While Eckert's term as mayor expires in 2009, he says he is going to run for at least one more term.

"We're in the midst of a project to potentially link our sewer system with another community and that's going to take a lot of time and effort and I think it would be bad to switch," Eckert said.

As mayor, Eckert is proud of several renovation projects.

"We (Philo) sold our water system and as a function of doing that we are going to be getting a brand new water tower," he said.

Philo also made part of a grade school into a community center.

"It's really a source of pride, it's a well-used building, it has a gym and we have everything (there) from wedding receptions to public meetings," Eckert said.

Student apathy when it comes to politics upsets Eckert.

"Although I think the data is starting to show more political involvement by younger people, I do think it's sad when younger people opt out of the political system," Eck-

ert said.

Topics that will affect students for the rest of their lives are being decided on right now, Eckert said.

"It's important that they be involved, especially now, when you have issues like a war in Iraq, the state of the economy, students being saddled with \$19,000 average debts," Eckert said. "These are issues that literally do affect them, so it's to their advantage to be interested in the political process because the kinds of things that are happening have direct effects on them."

Eckert encourages his students to become interested in something they have passion for. He says RSOs are a great way to become interested.

"To me, going to a college or university isn't solely about doing well in the classroom," Eckert said. "I think it's more important that students also get involved in the life of the university too; that they get involved in student groups; that they meet people from other parts of the world, other parts of the country."

Donald Holly, a professor in the sociology and anthropology department, has worked with Eckert for nearly three years.

"I think his students like the fact that he's so straightforward with them," Holly said. "He's approachable but fair, and certainly passionate about what he teaches."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Charleston Dairy Queen gets a facelift

Since Jan. 7 the dining room of the Charleston Dairy Queen, 20 State St., has been closed for renovations.

Owner Barb Brooks said the dining room has been gutted and the outside of the restaurant will be redone as well.

Brooks said the dining room would hopefully be open by Feb. 1, but the outside could take a couple weeks longer.

It will reopen as a DQ Grill & Chill, which is Dairy Queen's new concept.

By 2011 all Dairy Queens need to become DQ Grill & Chills, Brooks said.

"The drive thru will always be open and we're not anticipating it will close," she added.

Homecoming Chair accepting applications

Applications are available now for any Eastern students interested in helping out with Homecoming Chair elections.

Applications are available in the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The applications are due next Tuesday, and interviews will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday.

Library changes hours in observance of MLK

Booth Library will be closed Sunday and Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normal library hours will resume on Tuesday.

- Compiled by editor-in-chief Matt Daniels and city editor Matt Hopf.

BLOTTER

• An unidentified driver hit a car parked in a parking lot in the NW corner of Third Street and Buchanan Avenue between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The vehicle crashed into the parked car's passenger side, damaging the 2002 Ford Taurus's passenger side doors and knocking off the side-view mirror, according to police reports.

No one was injured in the hit and run.

Police have no information about the suspect's vehicle.

• It was reported Jan. 10 that a domestic incident occurred in Lawson Hall. The incident is under investigation.

CORRECTION

Louisiana-Lafayette's 2007 season record was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's story as 6-6 overall. The Ragin' Cajuns finished the 2007 season with a 3-9 overall record.

The DEN regrets the error.

COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR EVENTS

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CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Apportionment Board replaces two members

Resignation forces appointment before first meeting

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

A second resignation has forced Apportionment Board Chair Leah Pietraszewski to add another appointee to the Student Senate's consent agenda for approval during Wednesday's meeting.

Pietraszewski said voting member Temetria Hargett resigned because of time restraints. Hargett confirmed her resignation. The resignation was because of a Thursday class conflict, she said. AB meets Thursday's at 7 p.m.

Her resignation comes after Keith Darby's resignation because of time limitations and want-

ing to become more involved in Student Government.

Darby's replacement was Kyle Collum and Jacob Bough will replace Hargett.

Pietraszewski will be unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a family emergency and she was concerned about the board meeting quorum.

She said seven voting members must attend in order to conduct business and with only six remaining students and two faculty members able to vote, last minute absences could have forced the meeting to be canceled; however, the appointment of Collum and Bough will restore AB to its required eight student members. The board also includes two voting faculty members.

After the new members are sworn in, Pietraszewski said Student Government will request additional funds for a winter festival.

Student Body President Cole Rogers said the

request is a result of his committee's planning, as well as an ambition to provide activity options for students.

"The goals of the Winter Wonderland will be to install a new tradition on campus as well as offer an opportunity for Student Government to reach out to the students in a new way," Rogers said. "We are requesting just under \$10,000 and this will pay for entertainment, including a singer/songwriter, fire breathers, sleigh rides, snow globes and a few other things as well."

Student Government originally planned on requesting \$20,000 for the event.

"But seeing as this is a new event we cut out some things to give it a better chance of being passed," Rogers said.

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FINDING MIDEAST PEACE

U. Houston – President Bush's eight-day visit in the Middle East could not come at a better time. With his spotlighted tour nearing an end, Bush arrived in Saudi Arabia Monday to seal a \$20 billion arms deal that has engendered a polemical debate worldwide.

The deal will provoke controversy among Israelis and some members of Congress since Saudi Arabia refuses to acknowledge Israel as a Jewish state and it's possible that Congress could try to block the deal, Rob Reynolds of Al Jazeera English said.

The deal was finalized, interestingly enough, after Bush made an announcement Sunday in Abu Dhabi urging Middle Eastern countries to unite against Iran.

It is ironic, then, that a multi-billion-dollar arms deal that includes satellite-guided weaponry and high-tech munitions was conveniently granted to a country adjacent to a country that Bush considers "the world's leading sponsor of terrorism."

Today, Bush will arrive in Egypt, his final stop in the Middle East tour.

And though I do criticize Bush's attempt for a formulaic peace between Arabs and Jews and his urge to ward off and create a monster out of Iran (as was previously done with Iraq), I have to consciously make the effort to search for the positive.

The only positive aspect I can weld together is that at least Bush is putting forth the effort to carry on dialogue.

Souson Hammond
The Daily Cougar

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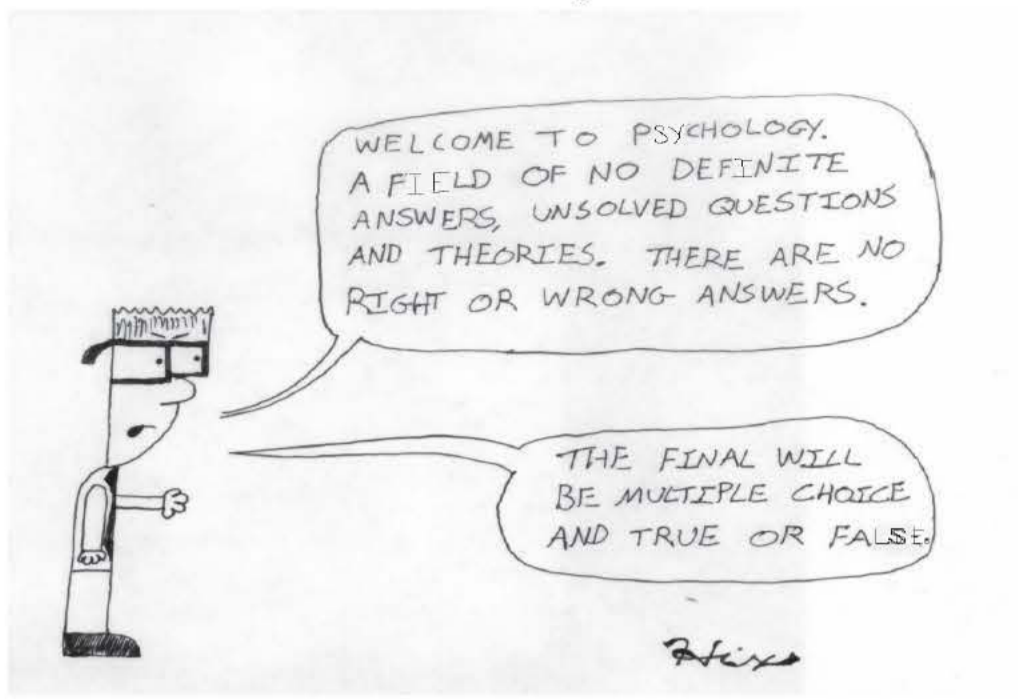
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Drawn from the news | Andrew Hicks



STAFF EDITORIAL

The politics of FutureGen

A month ago, Angela Griffin didn't appear worried about politics.

The president of Coles Together, Coles County's economic development organization was full of smiles and relief as she stood in front of a standing-room only crowd at the Time Theatre in Mattoon after the arduous FutureGen selection process turned out in her favor.

Mattoon, a mere 10 miles down Route 16 from this campus, beat out Tuscola and two cities in Texas – Jewett and Odessa – for the right to have the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.

Fast forward to the present.

The project, which was expected to generate nearly 1,300 construction jobs and 150 permanent jobs, is now in the hands of politicians.

And this is not a good thing.

Reports broke last week that the FutureGen plant might need to be restructured and spread out to several plants across the country.

Squabbles between the FutureGen Alliance and the Department of Energy about the cost of the project, now projected to cost \$1.8 billion, have led us to this political showdown.

FutureGen spokesperson Lawrence Pacheco said FutureGen has pursued an aggressive timeline to let the communities involved know the final site before 2008 began. However, apparently the DOE urged FutureGen not to make the announcement because of cost concerns.

Watching the drama of the FutureGen saga unfold and the politics that are becoming

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** The progress of building the zero-emissions FutureGen plant in Mattoon has slowed down because of political discrepancies.

- **Stance:** The final decision has already been made to build the plant in Mattoon and political issues should not interfere with its progress.

involved in it are sad.

And Griffin threw the first punch on Tuesday, saying she thinks President Bush and his administration's ties to Texas are the reasons for the delay. "Everything was a go and moving forward," Griffin said in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

"Everything was designed to have a site selected – until they learned it's in Mattoon. It's 100 percent politics and nothing but."

Revelations that are appearing after the announcement about disputes between FutureGen and the DOE are disgusting to hear.

Now we have accusatory tones from Griffin about the Bush administration wanting the project in Texas.

Enough with the bickering between both parties. Mattoon was chosen as the final site.

All plans need to be made to proceed as if Mattoon was the final site.

That's what it appears Mattoon is doing.

Now, the players in Washington, FutureGen and the DOE, need to have that same philosophy.

"Watching the drama of the FutureGen saga unfold and the politics that are becoming involved in it are sad."

Always think before you drink

If you're going to drink while underage, don't go to a bar and risk getting caught.

Last September, 88 students learned a valuable lesson and so did the co-owner of Jerry's Pizza, Larry Keck, who also holds the establishment's liquor license.

The law is clear and it has always been clear – if you are not 21 years of age, you cannot drink alcohol.

Unfortunately for Keck, the person checking IDs on the night of Sept. 16 was unable to perform his job and follow the rules.

Because this is the pub's second offense related to liquor this year, authorities have cracked down and given Jerry's a stricter sentence this time.

The restaurant cannot serve alcohol for 21 days and this punishment is fitting considering the situation.

Jerry's has been notorious as the bar where underage students are likely to be let inside.

Keck's plea of not guilty last November was not completely in vain as he thought the five hours of ID footage would prove his innocence.

A majority of the students who entered the pub that fateful September night did have some

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Jerry's Pizza received a three-week liquor license suspension.

- **Stance:** The suspension was adequate and gives students and members of the community a clear message about drinking under the age of 21.

form of identification, albeit false identification.

The decision to suspend Jerry's from selling alcohol for three weeks will serve as a lesson for all Charleston bars, along with any underage students who may consider using false identification to get into a 21-and-over facility.

Mayor John Inyart, who also serves as liquor commissioner, takes these matters very seriously and this sentence was his message to this university. We support the suspension from selling alcohol that Jerry's Pizza received.

It was not meant to debilitate or close down the bar and restaurant, but to enforce the liquor license laws in the city of Charleston.

Now, potential underage drinkers will think twice to avoid the headaches that follow breaking the rules.



MATT HOPF

Why go home every weekend?

I guess I always find it amusing when I hear students complaining about being in Charleston.

I guess it is understandable from those who live in the Chicagoland area who need hundreds of places to remain entertained.

For me, there is plenty to do here in Charleston, but maybe I am just easy to please. But there is enough for anyone.

When leaving home, one shouldn't return there every weekend. College is about starting to live on your own and prepare for the real world.

Well, the real world doesn't take weekends.

When you turn 21, more is available because you can get in the bars and play Bingo. Some bars like Mac's Uptowner, have live music many weekends.

This may satisfy the 21 and up crowd, but even for those under the age group there's still plenty to do in the area or even on-campus.

Abraham Lincoln is a big part of this area. The Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site is located about 10 miles outside of town.

A reproduction of the original two-room cabin stands there where a living history takes place.

The re-enactors live life as if it was 1845.

Another farm sits on the site as well. The Sargent farm has a larger timber house, which is a far cry from the Lincoln Cabin.

Not far from the Lincoln Log Cabin is the Moore Home State Site. This is where Lincoln said farewell in 1861 to his stepmother Sarah Bush Lincoln before heading to Washington after he was elected president.

Another Lincoln feature in the area is the Lincoln-Douglas Debate museum.

It is the only museum in Illinois that tells the story about the senate debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.

If you're not into history and just want to spend some time outside, go to Fox Ridge State Park.

Eight miles south of Charleston, the state park offers hiking, camping, fishing and areas to picnic.

Even in the winter, the weather gets mild enough to enjoy the outdoors.

If the weather is cold, catch a cheap movie at the Will Rogers Theatre or go see a newer release at the Mattoon movie theater.

Check out the other towns around the area, like Tuscola, Arcola or Mattoon.

There is something everywhere.

If it is so unbearable to be here on the weekends, take a trip up to Champaign.

There are "higher quality" concerts and more stores to shop at. A big draw for students who travel north would be the 2 a.m. bar hours and a bar entry age of 18 in Urbana and 19 in Champaign.

While the bar hours in Charleston are 1 a.m. and entry is 21, it makes sense why a trip up to Champaign is popular.

If money is the issue, check and see what University Board is doing. Usually they have a couple free activities going on for the weekend, whether a comedian, movie or an Up All Nite event.

Give up wasting gas and driving home each weekend. See what's around here. You may like it.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

Badani's art 'pushing the boundaries'



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Pat Badani leans next to one piece of her new exhibit in the Tarble Arts Center. This is just a glimpse of the new interactive media installation, which will open at 6:30 tonight.

Lecture and opening of interactive art exhibit brings artist to campus

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Pat Badani made graphic novels as a child.

These graphic novels sparked her interest with art and from then on, she has been an artist.

"I used to create graphic novels and hang notes and paper works sequentially at ceiling level all around my room," Badani said. "I still do that, walking into my studio is like walking into a 3D notebook."

Badani, a media interactive installation artist, is giving a lecture at the Tarble Arts Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Badani has had exhibits internationally for 30 years and has produced interactive and participatory object-based installations since the 80's. In the late 90s Badani began to integrate digital media into her work. Her digital media work allows the public to engage as active participants with the art.

"That is to say that, in contrast to a painting that is presented as a 'complete' art object in a gallery exhibition, my interactive works call for viewer input for their completion," Badani said. "Viewers do not just contemplate the work, they become participants; they need to do something for the work to come alive.

Their behavior, their actions, become part of the work's content, something that does not really apply to traditional art practices."

Badani has been a full time faculty member at Illinois State University since 2002. She teaches a new curriculum in Digital Media that she has created for the School of Art.

"This curriculum integrates technologies related to interactive and participatory art practices, and visual culture," Badani said.

For the past year, Badani has been on a one-year leave of absence from ISU to take the position of Acting Director and Lecturer in the Interdisciplinary Arts and Media MFA Program at Columbia College.

Art is something that has been in Badani's life from an early age.

"By age 12 it was an accepted notion that I was the 'artist' in the family and that I would continue onto some sort of Fine Art program of study - which I did," she said. "I immigrated to Canada to study at the University of Alberta in the early '70s, and I have been working and exhibiting ever since."

The inspiration for many of her works comes from city life.

"I am constantly energized by encounters with regular citizens in urban environments," she said. "This is why many of my projects involve creating situations within these contexts."

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, had a large part in bringing Badani to Eastern. Watts also worked closely with Chris Kahler,

WANT TO GO?

- **WHAT:** Lecture by media installation artist Pat Badani
- **WHERE:** The Tarble Arts Center's eGallery (Ninth Street and Cleveland Avenue)
- **WHEN:** The exhibit opens at 6:30 p.m. and Badani's lecture starts at 7:30 p.m.
- **FOR MORE INFO:** Call the Tarble Arts Center at (217) 581-ARTS or go to www.eiu.edu/~tarble

Tarble's visiting artist coordinator in order to bring Badani to campus.

"We based our decision on inviting Badani to be a part of this year's exhibition/artist series on recommendations of other artists we know who do know her work first-hand, and the fact that we are always looking for artists who are working with new media or with media in new ways - pushing the boundaries," said Watts.

Kahler said he is interested in Badani's works because it is art that is new and interesting.

"I am very excited to hear her talk about her work and I know that she will offer an interesting look into new media art work that students are not normally exposed to here at Eastern," Kahler said. "I really enjoy having an opportunity to hear the artist speaking about their work while they are having a show at the Tarble. It offers an in insight into the work that is not normally accessible."

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STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Peoria city manager resigns without reason

PEORIA — The city manager of Peoria has resigned, effective February 15th.

Randy Oliver announced his departure at a news conference Wednesday. He was hired in 2003 to replace Michael McKnight.

No replacement has been named, and the 57-year-old Oliver says he plans on doing consulting work and traveling.

In a brief resignation letter to Peoria's mayor and city council, Oliver says it was a difficult decision to leave but gives no reason for his departure.

Two-year-old dies in Chicago day care fire

CHICAGO — A fire at a home-based day care center in Chicago killed a 2-year-old boy, but five other children and a woman escaped.

Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said smoke prevented the day care operator from returning to rescue the child. The fire started in the basement of Porter's Playhouse and spread quickly, he said.

Firefighters found the boy under some clothing in a first-floor closet.

Tribune expands content to suburbs

CHICAGO — The Chicago Tribune says its community journalism Web site is expanding coverage in Chicago's southwest and western suburbs.

Officials at Triblocal.com say they plan to expand this week to include 13 more suburbs.

The newspaper launched the Web site in April to let readers publish stories, photos and blogs about their communities.

With the latest edition, 21 communities will be covered through the Web site.

Tribune says it expects to have 35 "hyper-local" sites by the end of the year as well as eight localized print supplements that will be periodically packaged with the newspaper.

Senate

FROM PAGE 1

Kerch told the Senate new speakers will be rented for the event and the lecture will be held in the McAfee Gymnasium instead of the Grand Ballroom in Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

He said the Grand Ballroom has a max capacity of 700 people, whereas McAfee Gymnasium can seat 2,200 people.

Leah Pietraszewski, vice president for Business Affairs, Apportionment Board chairwoman, and author of the bill said AB refused the original proposal because they felt students shouldn't pay to see the lecture.

Baumgart said the tentative date for the lecture is April 1 and tickets will be sold to the community for a price of \$3 per child and \$5 per adult.

The total cost of the lecture will be \$29,758. UB will contribute \$6,888 in remaining lecture funding. Kerch said the \$6,888 is what's left after allocating approximated costs for the other two lectures this semester.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Rich Higginbotham submitted emergency legislation to allocate \$200 for his One Campus One Community program in which his committee will gather Eastern students to play bingo with elderly people in local nursing homes. The bill passed 20-1-0.

A bill to allocate \$780.51 for a trip to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on Feb. 1 to attend the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee convention was tabled after an extensive discussion.

Senators Isaac Sandidge and Sean Wyrobek asked numerous questions about line items adding up in accordance to hotel rates. Executive Vice President Levi Bulgar, author of the bill, said rates were changed at the last minutes.

Sandidge moved to reject the bill, but later rescinded his motion. Bulgar said an additional \$56 that was originally allocated but is not necessary anymore was the issue and he didn't feel that the bill should have been rewritten.

Bulgar will be taking four additional representatives and hotel accommodations are paid for all five people regardless of how many attend. He

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MORE ONLINE

Student Government Reporter Rick Kambic sat down with Student Body President Cole Rogers to discuss his goals for the upcoming semester.

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currently has two available spots.

Rick Kambic can be reached at 581-7942 or rwkambic@eiu.edu.

Scams

FROM PAGE 1

"They have not been burned enough times to know better," Due said.

It might be the small-town mentality that makes people want to trust each other, said Tim Spitz, Charleston community president at First Mid.

But then another person might use that mind set to his or her advantage.

"They're thinking, 'I'm going to take advantage of that,' unfortunately," Spitz said.

Kate Anderson's father scared that fact into her, as she and her parents are the only ones who know what her PIN is.

"I'm a very paranoid person," said the junior special education major.

Her father keeps a notebook full of passwords and important information in a locked safe at home.

"It's not as crazy, now that I think about it," she said. "He has instilled that in me. If someone does end up with it, you're screwed."

Just because the number is shared with a fellow student does not mean they are trustworthy, Due said.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PIN:

- Do not lend your debit card to anyone.
- Do not give out your PIN in person, by phone, e-mail, or an online transaction.
- Choose a PIN you can remember so you don't have to write it down.
- Do not use easily guessed numbers for your PIN, like your birth date, social security number, address or phone numbers.
- Lost wallet? If your PIN was written somewhere in/on the wallet, re-PIN the card.
- Lost card? Call the bank immediately to freeze your account. A new card at First Mid costs \$5.

Bank workers can immediately re-PIN a card, and there's no limit as to how many times a number can change, Mane said.

Ryan Russell, a senior special education major, has changed his PIN a few times, even though he's the only one who knows his PIN.

"(There's) no need for anybody else to have it," he said.

Darnise Adams hasn't told anyone her PIN, either, and credits her parents.

"The parents I have," said the freshman pre-optometry major. "They tell me not to do that."

An Illinois State University Police dispatcher said there were no reports

of PIN fraud and isn't worried about PIN theft on their campus.

But the ISU police department has taken similar measures to educate students about banking, she said.

Bob Fitzgerald, the director of public safety at Western Illinois University, said nothing has happened locally with a scam.

Due is still surprised that debit card fraud hasn't happened sooner, he said, and thinks identity theft might be next.

"I'm surprised it hasn't happened more," he said.

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STUDY | WEB

Internet privacy concerns increase

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Privacy concerns stemming from online shopping rose in 2007, a new study finds, as the loss or theft of credit card information and other personal data soared to unprecedented levels.

Sixty-one percent of adult Americans said they were very or extremely concerned about the privacy of personal information when buying online, an increase from 47 percent in 2006. Before last year, that figure had largely been dropping since 2001.

People who do not shop online tend to be more worried, as are newer Internet users, regardless of whether they buy things on the Internet, according to the survey from the University of Southern California's Center for the Digital Future.

The study, to be released Thurs-

day, comes as privacy and security groups report that an increasing number of personal records are being compromised because of data breaches at online retailers, banks, government agencies and corporations.

The Identity Theft Resource Center, for instance, listed more than 125 million records reported compromised in the United States last year.

That's a sixfold increase from the nearly 20 million records reported in 2006.

Data breaches often result from lost or stolen computer equipment such as laptops, though the single largest breach was a case of online hacking.

Early last year, TJX Cos. disclosed that a data theft had exposed tens of millions of credit and debit cards to potential fraud.

The card numbers were typically collected during brick-and-mortar retail transactions at T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and other TJX chains. The breach is believed to have started when hackers intercepted wireless transfers of customer information at two Marshalls stores in Miami — an entry point that led the hackers to eventually break into TJX's central databases.

Nonetheless, concerns about credit card security have largely stabilized, with 57 percent very or extremely concerned last year. It was 53 percent in 2006, a difference within the survey's margin of sampling error of 3 percentage points in either direction.

As of 2007, two-thirds of adult Internet users shop online, compared with just half a year earlier. Most spend \$100 or less a month, and two-thirds of online shoppers

have reduced buying at brick-and-mortar stores.

"You'd think the logical attitude would be to look at this level of concern and say I'm not going to shop on the Web, but it's not happening," said Jeff Cole, director of the Center for the Digital Future. "The advantages, the conveniences are so extraordinary."

With credit card fraud, a customer's liability is capped at \$50, and even that amount is often waived. Customers often know of fraudulent charges quickly if they check their accounts online or are notified by their banks, which have security measures in place to flag suspicious transactions.

Identity theft, on the other hand, can take months and sometimes years to find out about and resolve, Cole said, possibly explaining the greater concern over privacy.

SCIENCE | DEVELOPMENTS

FDA reports cloned animals are safe to eat

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just over a decade after scientists cloned the first animal, the last major barrier to selling meat and milk from clones has fallen: The U.S. government declared this food safe Tuesday.

Now, will people buy it?

Consumer anxiety about cloning is serious enough that several major food companies, including the big dairy producer Dean Foods Co. and Smithfield Foods Inc., say they aren't planning to sell products from cloned animals.

And the industry says most Americans would never eat a cloned animal for sheer economic reasons: At \$10,000 to \$20,000 per cloned cow — compared with \$1,000 for an ordinary steer — they're too valuable.

They would be used primarily for breeding, to produce a steady supply of cattle that are particularly tender, for instance, or for prize dairy cows. It would be offspring of clones that consumers would eat.

But it will be hard to tell which foods do contain ingredients originating from cloned animals. The Food and Drug Administration ruled that labels won't have to reveal whether the food comes from cloned cows, pigs or goats, or the clones' offspring, because those ingredients are no different

CAROL TUCKER-FOREMAN | OF CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA

"If you have moral objections to a particular food, or ethical objections to them, FDA's saying, 'Tough, you've got to eat it.'"

than meat or milk from livestock bred the old-fashioned way.

"We found nothing in the food that could potentially be hazardous. The food in every respect is indistinguishable from food from any other animal," FDA food safety chief Dr. Stephen Sundlof said.

Still, the government asked producers to continue a voluntary moratorium on sales of meat or milk from clones for a little longer, for marketing reasons.

The two main U.S. cloning companies, Viagen Inc. and Trans Ova Genetics, already have produced more than 600 cloned animals for U.S. breeders, including copies of prize-winning cows and rodeo bulls. They agreed to USDA's call for a continued moratorium Tuesday, but stressed that it applied only to clones themselves, not those animals' conventionally produced offspring, which can begin selling immediately.

The FDA spent six years tracking the safety of cloning, and its decision was long expected, but it came after an emotional fight by opponents. Congress passed legislation last month urging further study of the issue, a call echoed by consumer advocates who also asked that foods from cloned animals be labeled as such.

Their objections aren't just about food safety but also include animal welfare since many attempts at livestock cloning still end in fatal birth defects.

"If you have moral objections to a particular food, or ethical objections to them, FDA's saying, 'Tough, you've got to eat it,'" said Carol Tucker-Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America, who pledged to push for more food producers to shun clone-derived ingredients.

By its very definition, a successfully cloned animal should be no different from the original animal whose DNA was used to create it.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Interrogation tapes were destroyed

WASHINGTON — The CIA official who gave the command to destroy interrogation videotapes apparently acted against the direction of his superiors, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee said Wednesday.

"It appears he hadn't gotten authority from anyone," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich.

Hoekstra said that raises the troubling prospect that there's a thread of unaccountability in the spy culture.

The tapes, made in 2002, showed the harsh interrogation by CIA officers of two alleged al-Qaida terrorists, both of whom are known to have undergone waterboarding, which gives the subject the sensation of drowning.

Angry judge raises OJ's bail to \$250,000

LAS VEGAS — An angry judge doubled O.J. Simpson's bail to \$250,000 on Wednesday for violating terms of his original bail by attempting to contact a co-defendant in the armed robbery case against him.

Glass said that the order to not contact other defendants was clear and she warned that if anything else happened Simpson would be locked up.

Republican hopefuls focus on S.C., Nevada

WASHINGTON — Four Republicans are angling for superiority in the presidential primary in South Carolina.

Nevada holds caucuses Saturday as well, the spotlight is on the first-in-the-South primary; no Republican since 1980 has won the party nod without a South Carolina triumph.

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FROM PAGE 12

Padovan is a trademark of Eastern swimming, but he will retire at the end of the season.

They have come to know Padovan as a friend and have learned a vast amount of wisdom from having him as a coach.

I can attest to this because I once had a coach when I played football back in eighth grade. He was inspirational. He taught us the game of football, treated us as men and made us believe through great adversity. This made a difference for our team that allowed us to win the championship, and to this day I feel that I learned about something greater than just the game of football.

I also firmly believe an athlete's willingness to succeed comes from not only their own moral stan-

dards and values, but also from their dreams and goals.

As the cliché goes, "the athlete's got heart."

To be brutally honest, most athletes play the game or participate in the sport because they love it, not because they are good at it. (Not everyone is a Michael Jordan here, I promise you.)

If all athletes (or people in general for that matter) make an effort to sacrifice something they enjoy or a hobby to them in order to allow a team or individual to succeed, just imagine what could be accomplished in Eastern's sports programs or at this university.

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NBA | ROUNDUP

Bulls run over Heat

The Associated Press

Bulls 126, Heat 96

MIAMI — Ben Gordon scored 24 points, Joe Smith added 23 and Chicago handed Miami its 11th

straight loss.

Luol Deng had 21 points and Andres Nocioni rebounded from an injury in Tuesday's loss at Orlando to score 20 points.

Raptors 116, Kings 91

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 31 points and the Toronto Raptors spoiled Mike Bibby's season debut, beating the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

Carlos Delfino came off the bench to score a season-high 26 and

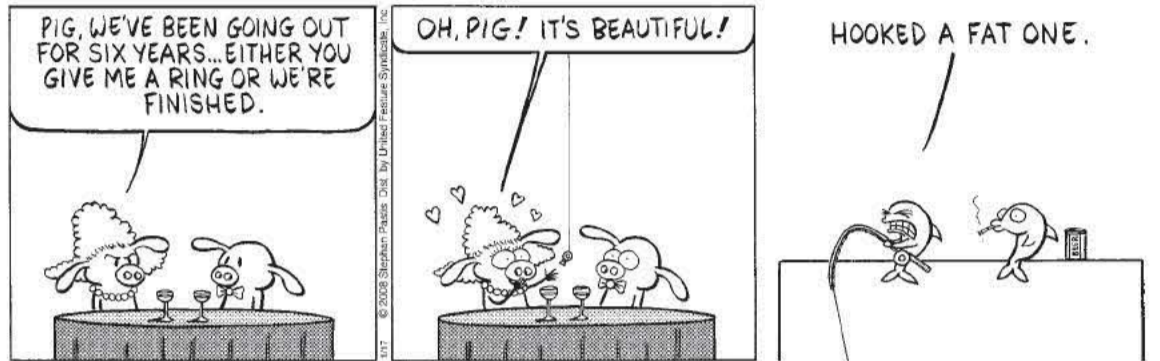
Toronto won for the fourth time in five games.

Bobcats 99, Magic 93

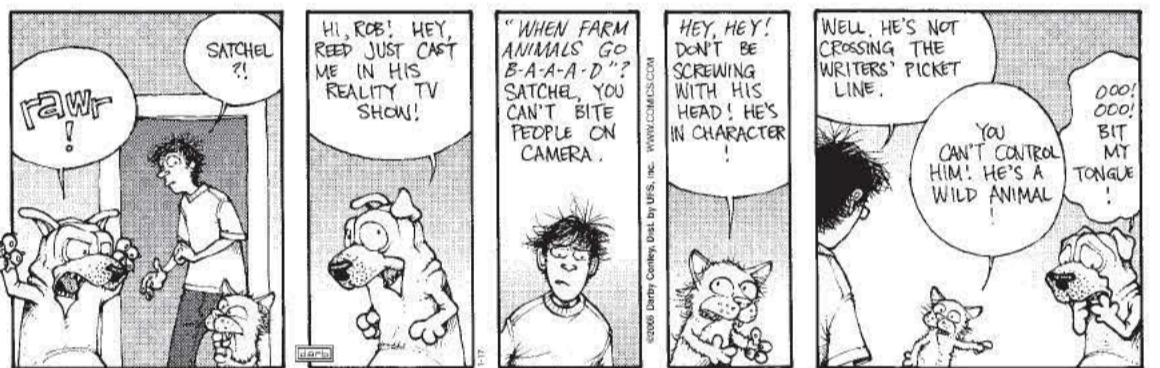
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace had 36 points and 14 rebounds, Jason Richardson hit a 3-pointer and four free throws in the final minute for Charlotte.

The Bobcats, who trailed by 19 points early in the third quarter, avoided a season sweep against the Orlando.

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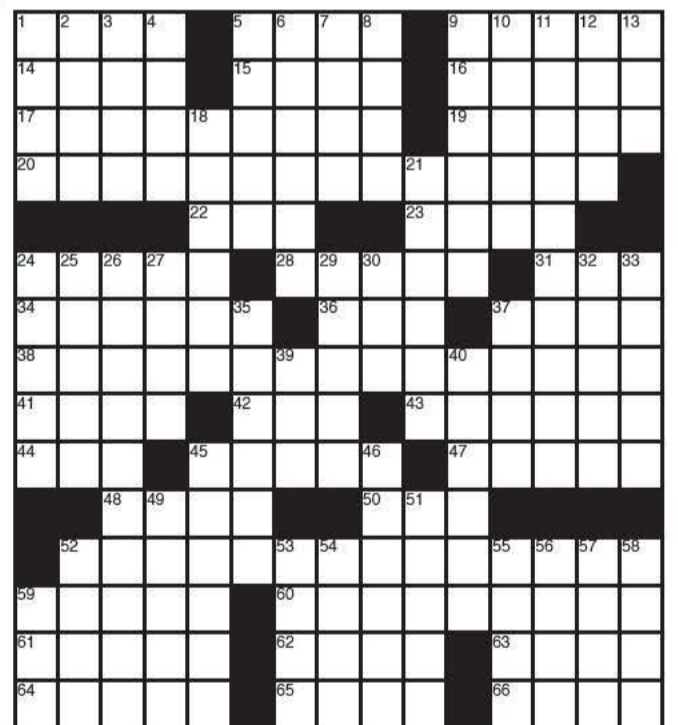
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 - 5 Certain aerophone
 - 9 Circle
 - 14 Like some histories
 - 15 Addition
 - 16 Toots
 - 17 Scolding
 - 19 Chevy offering
 - 20 Cry from Santa
 - 22 Debate side
 - 23 A.A.A. part: Abbr.
 - 24 You can hear it coming and going
 - 28 Father
 - 31 Paris's Palais _____ Congrès
 - 34 Renounce allegiance
 - 36 Scala of "The Guns of Navarone"
 - 37 How experts work
 - 38 Sporadic
 - 41 Wire measures
 - 42 Not long or short: Abbr.
 - 43 Extremely
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 - 45 Bordeaux variety
 - 47 Longtime Mideast leader
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 - 64 War locale, broadly
 - 65 Company leaders: Abbr.
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- DOWN**
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 - 11 Locked up
 - 12 Product with earbuds
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BRENT NOBLE

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the sporting event.

CONFIDENCE PROPELS NOBLE

Junior's wins in new events boost team in right direction

By Micky Deming
Staff Reporter

Brent Noble swam two events he normally does not compete in Friday against Millikin.

He won both. The junior's versatility makes him a valuable commodity for the Eastern men's swimming team.

"Brent's such a versatile swimmer," senior team captain Tim O'Hagan said. "He can swim almost any event and be very good at all of them."

Eastern head coach Ray Padovan said he put Noble in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle Friday so Noble could get some experience in those events.

"Millikin was a little bit weaker of a team, so I wanted to give Brent a chance to swim something different," Padovan said. "It is nice because he may end up doing one of those events on a relay at the end of the year."

Padovan said Noble's versatility is important because it gives the team flexibility when it comes to match ups.

"Sometimes, someone will have strength in an area, and we can put Brent in there because he's good enough to compete even, if it's not where he normally swims," Padovan said.

That was not the case Friday against Millikin, as Noble was just getting a chance to try something different.

O'Hagan said Noble's confidence is one area that has improved the most since last year, and that has helped his swimming.

"He's always had a good atti-



MOLLY CLUTTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior swimmer Brent Noble took first place in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.45) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:02.75) at Friday's meet against Millikin at Lantz Natatorium. Noble has six first-place finishes in three different events this season

tude," Padovan said. "Now he's taking on more of a leadership role."

Padovan and O'Hagan point to Noble's hard work over the summer to explain his growth as a leader.

O'Hagan said he noticed Noble's change in confidence after he came back from the summer break.

"He practiced really hard over the summer and it shows," O'Hagan said. "He came back with a lot of confidence and that's really helped him with his race strategy."

Padovan said Noble has gotten stronger and also improved in the

event he normally swims: the individual medley.

"As an individual medley swimmer you are working with all four strokes, and this summer he improved tremendously in his two weaker strokes: the butterfly and the backstroke," Padovan said.

Noble said he wants to continue to improve all four strokes.

"I've been working on balancing all my strokes to improve my individual medley," he said.

Although he didn't get to work on his individual medley against

Millikin, Noble's versatility will be important in the team's success as the season progresses.

"The end is just about in sight," Padovan said. "We've got a lot of hard work to do before we get to conference."

Noble agreed.

"We're going for conference now," he said. "Everything we do now is aimed at being fast for conference."

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Injury

FROM PAGE 12

Edwards also leads the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.30).

Eastern defeated TTU on Dec. 6, but the Panthers played without Galligan.

TTU head coach Amy Brown said she did not know Galligan would miss the December game until the team got to Charleston.

"(My players) know who Rachel Galligan is," Brown said. "We'll prepare about the same as we did before - as if she would play."

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GAME 18: TENNESSEE TECH

Eastern at Tennessee Tech

Location: Cookeville, Tenn.
Where: Eblen Center
Capacity: 10,152
TTU head coach: Amy Brown, (15-32 in second season at TTU and same overall)
Eastern head coach: Brady Sallee (38-64 in fourth season at Eastern and same overall)
Series History: Tech leads 20-6. Eastern won the last meeting 66-64 in overtime in Charleston on Dec. 6, 2007.
On air: WEIU 88.9 FM with Ben Turner (play-by-play)

Probable Starters

Eastern (8-9, 7-2 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	R. Galligan	6-2	Jr.	18.1
F	L. Kluempers	6-1	Jr.	4.6
G	D. Sims	5-10	So.	10.2
G	M. Edwards	5-7	So.	7.5
G	A. Thomas	5-8	So.	5.0

Top Reserves

F	M. Kloak	6-1	So.	7.2
G	J. Huffman	5-7	So.	8.8

Probable Starters

Tennessee Tech (3-14, 2-5)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
C	K. Tyler	6-1	Sr.	15.8
F	M. Hensley	5-11	Sr.	4.8
G	M. Lyons	5-6	Jr.	9.9
G	B. Bowens	5-6	Jr.	7.6
G	A. Price	5-7	Jr.	4.8

Top Reserves

F	C. Reed	5-10	Sr.	5.1
F	J. White	6-0	Fr.	3.3

Revenge

FROM PAGE 12

Eastern's defense will face a tough challenge in the post against the Golden Eagles. TTU senior forward Amadi McKenzie averages 13.4 points and 7.9 rebounds, and junior center Daniel Northern averages 11.3 points and 8.4 rebounds.

The Golden Eagles lead the OVC

in offensive rebounds with 15.17 per game. Eastern is sixth in the OVC with 10.46 offensive rebounds per game.

"We're leading the league in rebounding because we don't make shots," TTU head coach Mike Sutton said. "We don't have any choice but to go get it off the glass."

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GAME 18: TENNESSEE TECH

When: 7:30 tonight
Location: Cookeville, Tenn.
Where: Eblen Center
Capacity: 10,152
TTU head coach: Mike Sutton (96-74 in sixth season at TTU and sixth overall)
Eastern head coach: Mike Miller (18-56 at Eastern in third season; 105-135 in ninth year overall)
Series history: TTU leads 17-9; TTU

won the last meeting, 72-53, on Dec. 6, 2007.

On air: Radio: WEIU 88.9 FM with Mike Bradd (play-by-play) and Rich Moser (analyst)

Probable Starters

Eastern (2-15, 1-8 OVC)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
C	O. Cisse	6-8	So.	4.4
F	J. Byrne	6-8	Sr.	5.9

F	B. Catchings	6-6	Sr.	11.8
G	B. Willhite	6-1	Sr.	5.9
G	J. Anthony	6-4	Sr.	8.1

Probable Starters

Tennessee Tech (7-11, 4-4)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	A. McKenzie	6-7	Sr.	13.4
C	D. Northern	6-9	Jr.	11.3
G	A. Fisher	6-3	Sr.	16.5
G	F. Davis	6-2	So.	8.7
G	D. Minaya	6-6	Fr.	4.5

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MEN'S INDOOR TRACK | ATHLETE FEATURE

Jumping his way to success

Senior jumper has big aspirations for season

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya loves to compete in just about everything he does.

"I am very competitive," Eruteya said. "I love playing all kinds of sports. I do not like to lose in anything I'm doing. I love racing people. Whether it's riding faster or doing anything, I just love to compete."

Eruteya has been competing in track since his freshman year in high school. His high school basketball coach realized how high he could jump and made him join the track team.

Since then, Eruteya has excelled in jumping.

The Chicago native won the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship the past two seasons in the triple jump and was the OVC Indoor Track Athlete of the Week for Jan. 9, but he said he is far from satisfied.

This season Eruteya has set a

number of goals for himself.

In the high jump, his goal is to jump 7 feet, 2 inches. His current best is 6 feet, 11 inches. In the triple jump, Eruteya's goal is 53 feet. His current best is 51 feet, 1 inch.

As for postseason awards, Eruteya said he wants to be an All-American, make Nationals, and win the OVC Indoor Athlete of the Year.

For Eruteya, awards like OVC Athlete of the Week do not leave him satisfied.

"My mindset for everything is if I believe I can do something, I'm going to set my mind to it and do it no matter what it is," Eruteya said. "It doesn't matter who you are or what school you go to. Each athlete wakes up every day, puts on their clothes, showers and eats. The only difference is the jersey on their back. It doesn't matter who it is. I'm gifted enough to compete with anybody on any level. All it takes is hard work and dedication."

First-year assistant track coach JaRod Tolber said that he has been impressed by Eruteya's talent.

"The talent for him is definitely there," Tolber said. "That will get him to the point he wants to go. I know he definitely wants to go

high in regionals and compete at the national level. We are just trying to hash out a few little technical aspects, and as soon as we get that, I'll get him where he wants to go."

Eruteya said Tolber has been working with him on his triple jump technique in particular.

"Triple jump requires speed, power, flexibility and body awareness," Eruteya said. "You want to be balanced, and when striking you don't want to lean one way or another. (Tolber's) been good with technique and helping us get kinks out and keeping our hips up when we are running."

Eruteya said speed is important when running in triple jump because, unlike the long jump, you don't take an ultimate step, you run off the board.

Eruteya competes in three events, but does not have a favorite. He just likes to jump.

After his senior season, Eruteya said he hopes to run for a professional or club team. He said he is still growing and there is still a lot he can learn.

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Senior jumper Obe Eruteya practices for the long jump in Lantz Fieldhouse on Tuesday afternoon. Eruteya was named the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Athlete of the Week.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Eastern prepares for first meet since December

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

Eastern will host its second meet of the season with the EIU Mega Meet this Saturday.

The meet is scheduled to begin in Lantz Fieldhouse at 9 a.m. with field events, and end with men's running events at 6:35 p.m.

This will be the first meet for the Panthers since the Early Bird Invite on Dec. 8 at Lantz Fieldhouse.

The Panthers have used the last three weeks to get back into shape

from break and this week was no different.

Senior hurdler Obe Eruteya said the team had normal practice all week, except for lighter practices to end the week.

Throwing coach Mary Wallace said the training for track and field is different than with other sports.

"Track and field is a little bit different because we train through some of our competitions early on in the season," Wallace said. "If you were to ask the throwers, they have been lifting heavy. We really have

not been in the weight room too much because it is still early in the season and we need to peak at the right time in the season."

Transfer prepares for first meet with new team

Former Eastern hurdler and Nebraska transfer senior Kirkland Thornton is excited about his first meet with his new team this weekend.

Thornton, who won the OVC Indoor Championship in the 60-meter hurdles in and the 55-meter

hurdles in 2006, said he still communicates with many of his former teammates.

"It is no disrespect to Eastern, but I felt I could do better things and push myself harder at Nebraska," Thornton said. "Nebraska has a top hurdling program and I am excited to show the coaches in our first meet what I can do."

Eruteya named OVC Track Athlete of the Week

Eruteya was named the co-track athlete of the week of Jan. 9 for his

performance at the EIU Early Bird Invite on Dec 8.

Eruteya won both events he competed in, including the triple jump with a height of 49 feet, 6.5 inches, while winning the high jump at 6'07.75".

"It was good to win athlete of the week," Eruteya said. "My expectations for myself are high so I'm not going to let something like this make me settle for anything."

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8 tonight on ESPN



ROSS MEISTER

Athletes should strive for more

I would like to share with you a quote from one of my past interviews with a member of the women's swim team.

"A lot of times we eat healthier, get more rest; people cut out going out on the weekends and stuff," she said. "That helps us stay strong for conference."

Whoa, wait. Did I just read that correctly? People are actually willing to stay in and sacrifice something that they may enjoy for something else that has a greater meaning? Yes, believe it or not, some people actually do stay in instead of going out and partying on the weekends. (Like me, although I stay in because I'm a non-drinker, not to mention the fact that I'm a gamer geek.)

I'm not advocating my view on drinking because I think people would scoff at me. I am, however, trying to impart the idea that most of our athletes at this school are admirable people.

Any athlete who will make sacrifices for the good of the team is committed to their sport, and should be commended for their efforts. I know the swimmers look to be committed to what they are doing even though the results of the dual meets don't show that. It's one of those unique things that are hidden in the box score. The effort the team takes to win is shown, but it doesn't show what the individual swimmers have done all week to prepare to succeed.

That influence has to come from somewhere, and for the swimmers and divers, it seems that it comes from their head coach Ray Padovan, who's been at Eastern 42 years.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT TENNESSEE TECH

No injury, no problem



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior guard Ellen Canale won't play tonight at Tennessee Tech after suffering an ankle injury last Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

Canale goes to the sideline, team moves on

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Another player is injured on the Eastern women's basketball team.

This isn't a surprise to the Panthers as this has happened multiple times this season.

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale rolled her left ankle last Saturday night against Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena. Canale was driving to the basket when an EKU defender stepped in front of her with 1 minute, 41 seconds remaining in the first half. Canale left the game but did return to the bench to cheer on her teammates.

The Panthers (8-9, 7-2 Ohio Valley Conference) will play without Canale tonight. Eastern plays Tennessee Tech at 5:30 p.m. at the Eblen Center in Cookeville, Tenn.

Canale had started all 17 games this season, but has been in a black boot since the injury.

Canale is not the first Panther injured this season.

Senior guard Brittney Coleman is out for the year with an ACL injury. Junior forward Rachel Galligan was on the sidelines for five games with a toe injury. Sophomore guard Jessica Huffman, the 2007 OVC Freshman of the Year, another preseason pick and the starting point guard (16.9 points per game), was out with a stress fracture.

Sophomore forward Maggie Kloak took Galligan's place in the starting lineup and scored in double digits in all five games. Sophomore guard Dominique Sims stepped in for Huffman and picked up some scor-

ing slack but also rebounded the ball well.

When asked during Tuesday's OVC teleconference about his players being injured, head coach Brady Sallee shied away and concentrated on preparing his team for the next opponent.

"We understand how hard it is to play to in Cookeville," Sallee said. "All those banners in the arena ... we do know that Tennessee Tech can win on any given night, as anybody can in this league."

Canale's injury could limit the way the Panthers set up their defensive schemes.

However, the Panthers found someone to replace her – sophomore guard Ashley Thomas. Thomas, who is recovering from a back injury she suffered during the summer, finished with 11 points and seven rebounds Saturday night.

Thomas now has to be the defensive guard of the team – something Canale brings to the floor.

Canale is also an offensive threat from beyond the arc. She leads the conference in 3-point field goal shooting at 53 percent (17-of-32).

What makes the Panthers unique this season has been their ability to respond to injuries with good play. Eastern's depth has helped in that aspect.

One player who was injured last season that left them young in the backcourt was red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards.

Edwards tore her ACL in a preseason game last season and missed the entire season. She has started and played in every game this season. Edwards is tied for fifth in the conference in free throw percentage.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT TENNESSEE TECH

Panthers seek revenge in Cookeville

TTU ran away with win in their first meeting

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

The last time Eastern played Tennessee Tech the Golden Eagles jumped out to a 15-0 lead in the first six minutes of the first half.

Eastern (2-15, 1-8 Ohio Valley Conference) didn't make its first shot of the game until 13 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the half when sophomore forward Bobby Jolliff – who is no longer with the team – made a 12-foot jump shot.

Eastern's single win this season against a Division I opponent came after the Panthers opened up a 9-2 first-half lead against Murray State on Jan. 3.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the keys to victory when the Panthers take on the Golden Eagles at 7:30 tonight in Cookeville, Tenn., would be fundamental.

"(The Golden Eagles) come at you in so many directions," Miller said.



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Senior guard Gino Myers-Kyles looks to pass the ball during last Saturday's basketball game against Eastern Kentucky in Lantz Arena.

"We're going to have to take away easy baskets. That starts with getting back in transition and guarding the ball."

TTU (7-11, 4-4) has three players averaging double figures in points this season. The Golden Eagles are

led by senior guard Anthony Fisher's 16.5 points per game, which is third best in the league.

"The biggest thing is (Fisher's) always in attack mode," Miller said. "Some guards pick their spots. His motor is running out there. I think that's what has made him such a good player."

Miller said the Panthers have been competitive and in position to win the past month, but they have to take the next step and close out close games. Part of that would rely on not falling behind early in the game.

"We've got to get off to a better start," Miller said. "We've played a pretty good 20 minutes, but it's a 40-minute game."

Eastern senior forward Bobby Catchings said the biggest key for the Panthers is to be focused mentally at the start of the game.

"We have to be ready to play," Catchings said. "Sometimes we come out and get popped on the first one or two possessions. I think that puts us at a great disadvantage."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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