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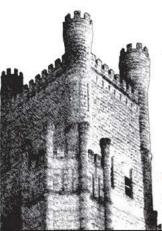
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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

# FEES TO INCREASE

♦Rises in natural gas prices cause housing to raise residence hall costs

BY TOM HOCHBAUM STAFF REPORTER

The price of living in the residence halls at Eastern next year can be expected to be significantly higher, mainly because of the cost of utilities.

After the price of natural gas skyrocketed early this year, the cost of heating the dorms raised to a lofty \$3 million, said Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services.

"It is necessary for us to raise the cost of housing 7.5 percent next year," Hudson said.
"This year's utilities were 23 percent (more than \$500,000) more expensive than last year's, and that is actually a number that a lot of us were happy with."

After Hurricane Katrina, some officials estimated a 30 percent raise in natural gas, Hudson said.

"So things really did not end up as ugly as they could have," he said.

Hudson said on-campus students would not be the only ones affected by the raise in utility prices.

Around 3.5 percent of the projected raise will go to the Bond Revenue Committee in order to improve the living environment for on-campus students.

Students living on campus currently have mixed feelings about the raise in housing costs next year.

"It's something that you really cannot control, you just have to live with it," said Fred Prueter, a junior industrial technology major. "The way natural gas prices are rising, you have to expect to pay more."

Brandon Hodgson, a junior history and Spanish major, does not look forward to the

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Amy Christopherson, a senior foreign languages major, searches for some spare change from under her bed to help pay for next year's rising housing costs.

#### **ONLINE FEATURE**

# HAW HAMPSHIRE SIGN UP

MATT WILLS/
THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

New Hampshire may be the mecca for Libertarians if they can get 20,000 signatures as they are planning with the Free State Project.

# Live free, truly free, or die

#### Libertarians move to New Hampshire

BY ADAM TESTA ONLINE REPORTER

Calvin Pratt watched the business that his brother had started fall apart because of government regulations.

"These well-intentioned but poorly executed laws are real to me," Pratt

In September 2002, Pratt, who has worked as a domestic policy researcher for nearly 18 years, found a way to take action. At this time, Pratt was introduced to and joined the Free State Project. The Free State Project, an organization that strives for mini-

mal government involvement, was celebrating its one-year anniversary. Two months later, Pratt made it his New Year's resolution to become more actively involved with the project.

#### WHAT IS THE FREE STATE PROJECT?

The idea of the Free State Project originated in an article in *The Libertarian Enterprise*, an online libertarian magazine. Jason Sorens, a graduate student at Yale University at the time, proposed a means for libertarians to effectively enter the political realm.

The original plan for the project was to gather the signatures of 20,000 libertarians who would all agree to move to a certain state within five years of achieving the 20,000th signature. Through a voting process, New

Hampshire was chosen to be the state of choice for the Free State Project.

These 20,000 libertarians would then take activist roles in local and state politics in an attempt to create a society in which the role of government was limited to the protection of life, liberty and property.

Originally, the plan called for having the 20,000th signature by September 2006, five years after the initial founding. However, that deadline has been dropped, making the Free State Project a more long-term project.

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Read the rest of the story online

#### **FACULTY SENATE**

#### **Further discussion**

**Who:** The Council on Academic Affairs

Where: Booth Library Conference Room

When: 2 p.m., Thursday

# CAA asked not to end gen-ed lock

By Kayla Crow ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate sent a resolution to the Council on Academic Affairs to encourage it to not add any more general education classes and to open a campus-wide discussion on the courses.

The recommendation was made after Debra Reid, chair of the Council on Academic Affairs, talked to the senate about changes that were made to the list of general education classes after a survey last year.

She told the senate the council is considering ending a moratorium and making it possible for council members to try to change the course list throughout the year. Previously, there was a moratorium in place since the last revision in 2000, she said.

Senate members expressed concern with ending the moratorium and worried that it would create a stream of faculty members trying to have their courses added to the list.

Reid told the senate CAA would be discussing the moratorium at its meeting on Thursday and she would take their resolution and discussion to the council.

She also told the senate about the new classes the council approved for the 2006-2007 year. These changes include removing the constitution requirement for students and renumbering many existing courses, Reid said.

Another change is the inclusion of courses from health studies and journalism in the general education program. These departments were included in the list previously but were removed by the council in 2000.

"Members of the political science, sociology, psychology and economics departments didn't want (general education) to be a smorgasbord of classes," Reid said.

CAA will discuss the moratorium at its meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room

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◆ Faculty Senate extended the deadline for grade submission

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#### **COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS**

## Critics doubt Bush's college plan

BY TONY SAPOCHETTI

THE DAILY VIDETTE (ILLINOIS STATE U.)

NORMAL — President George W. Bush's Academic Competitiveness program hopes to enhance America's level of math and science by offering college aid to those who complete previous placement courses in high school.

A reported \$12 billion will be going to this particular grant in the form of \$750 for freshmen, \$1,300 for sophomores and \$4,000 to juniors and seniors.

The junior and senior level grant will be known as the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent, or SMART, grant.

These changes are expected to take effect on July 1.

Charles Boudreau, Illinois State University director of financial aid, said while he appreciates any program that gives more assistance to students, there may still be a few concerns.

**PUSHING POUNDS** 

"I just don't see how this can take place this year," Boudreau said. "We have already started processing financial aid and scholarships for 2006-2007.

Also, \$750 is not really a lot for the first year, but a difference can be seen when it goes to the more significant amount of \$4,000."

George Seelinger, department of mathematics chair, said America does tend to have lower scores when it comes to the field of math and science.

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#### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### **SPSS Help Session**

1 p.m. | This workshop is for participants who have further questions after hav ing taken TECnet's SPSS Training. CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214

#### MS Excel 2003 -Beginner I

2 p.m. | A workshop cov ering the basic spread sheet features of Excel XP. Booth Library e-classroom, Room 4450

#### Study Abroad Info Session

3:30 p.m. | Register for this event at: www.eiu.edu/~edabrad/ca lendar.html

#### Lead in the Environment

4 p.m. | Guest speaker Alanah Fitch from Loyola University will give a pres entation titled "Crossing Boundaries: Service Learning Adventures in Chemistry." Phipps



#### **EARLY HEADLINES**

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Dan Taylor, senior sociology major, lifts weights on the incline bench in the Rec Center on Tuesday afternoon.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS** 

## Pi Kappa Alpha books five for band battle

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and WCBH 104.3-FM, The Party, will sponsor a "Battle of the Bands" competition and fundraiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Charleston today.

"The proceeds we hope to bring in will not only go to Big Brothers, but they will also help us bring in educational speakers for the Greek community," said Marc Montagano, Pi Kappa Alpha president.

The five bands slated to perform at the competition are all local acts, which include Brigham, Senn and Friends, Eclectic Theory, The Fuz and an unnamed group from the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Each band will be allotted a 20-minute set, and the top two bands will receive prizes.

First prize will be \$250, while second prize will be a \$100 gift certificate from Michael Domani's restaurant.

"We need help with philanthropy, and this is generous of them to pass on the proceeds," said Curtis Ropiequet, enrollment and matching manager for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The show will start at 7 p.m. at McAfee Gymnasium. The cost is \$5 per person.

### Tarble hosts movie on homosexual presence in Harlem Renaissance

The Tarble Arts Center will host
"Cinematizing a Black Queer Life: Brother to
Brother and Richard Bruce Nugent," presented
by speaker Joseph Thompson. Thompson, an
assistant professor of English and African
American studies at Washington University, will
speak about the representation of education in
20th century African American literature.

His lecture will also focus on the homosexual

presence in the Harlem Renaissance. Thompson's lecture will start at 5 p.m. today in the Tarble Arts

#### Pool balls and pins await players in UB bowling and billiards tourney

University Board will sponsor a bowling and pool tournament in the bowling lanes and billiards center in the basement of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union tonight. Students interested in the bowling tournament will be placed in teams of two, although students do not necessarily need a partner to sign up. The top four places will receive prizes.

The pool tournament is a single-person elimination 8-ball tournament. Registration for the tournaments starts at 6:30 p.m. and the events start at 7 p.m.

WTF?

## Fake cop fools drivers into obeying speed limit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW – This is one Russian traffic cop who will never issue a ticket or take a bribe: he's made of plastic.

A life-size mock-up of a traffic police officer is prompting more drivers to obey the speed limit on a highway in western Russia, real-life officers say.

The fake human figure comes complete with a nearly two-dimensional patrol car, a speed gun and a black-and-white baton – held up to signal travelers to be cautious.

But Alexei Zakharov, the officer who served as the model for the mock-up, said that the sight of his plastic double prompts some drivers to do more than slow down. "Some drivers stop and come up to him to show their documents, others sit in their cars and wait for the inspector to approach them. They sit there for five minutes and they drive away," he said.

The fakes are being used on a stretch of busy highway in the Belgorod region near the Ukrainian border.

#### **Unknown Charleston: Part III, The Square**

# HISTORIC SQUARE HOLDS ITS GROUNI

STAFF REPORTER

The block surrounding the original Charleston courthouse slowly became a local hot spot after construction was completed in 1835.

For more than 100 years, the "courthouse square" hosted a variety of restaurants, small variety stores and theatric and musical performances.

The square, running north to south from Monroe Avenue to Jackson Avenue and east to west from Sixth Street to Seventh Street, became the unofficial center of town.

City Council member Larry Rennels, a lifetime resident, estimated if a business exists within one block in any direction, it can sometimes be considered a part of the square.

Today, the square has lost some of its flair.

It currently hosts five law offices, two bar/restaurants, and two small eateries. The remainder of the block is made up of small business venues such as Z's Music and Sound System Services, the Shirt Factory and Emajonashon

Places such as What's Cookin' and the Charleston Alley Theatre are commonly referred to as spots on the square, even though they exist outside the block.

"In this town, nothing seems exciting," said Michelle Nanos, a sophomore psychology major. "For that to be the 'downtown' area is not very impressive."

When Lincoln Avenue started to blossom in the '60s and '70s, many of the block's prominent

businesses either moved off the square to seek a better traffic flow, or, in time, simply ceased to exist, said City Council member Jeff Lahr, a resident of Charleston since 1991.

The construction of Lincoln Avenue also paved the way for major corporations such as Wal-Mart and Walgreens to settle down in Charleston.

Lahr said although such big venues currently exist in Charleston, the city will always have a place for small business.

"We will continue not to neglect our entrepreneurs," Lahr said. "I think the city has done that, and will continue to do that, and continue to improve in that area."

The amount of drawing power the square has today is open to interpretation.

Fred Hudson, owner of The Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave., said having a spot away from campus can help attract a bit more diversity among

"I think it helps us attract non-students, and that's good, because it helps us not be completely dependent on the students," Hudson said.

Jasmine Mannin, head waitress at Marianne's Euro Deli on Monroe Avenue, said a spot on Lincoln Avenue might attract more customers.

"If we were on Lincoln, where people are more, maybe we'd have better luck," Mannin

According to Lahr, business is about personal

"It depends on what the consumer is looking for," he said.



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Baylee Rice pulls her guitar out of the case before her lesson at Z'S Music on the south side of the Charleston town square.

Rodney Smith of Brankley and Smith PC, 622 Jackson Ave., said the five law offices rarely come into competition.

"We all have our own client base, so I don't think it matters a whole lot," Smith said.

Rennels said he thinks the high concentration of law offices on the square today is in correlation with the surrounding the courthouse.

Not all students from other areas of the state have even seen a town square before, said Dustin Cole, a sophomore finance major and a native of Charleston.

"It's historic, and old fashioned in that sense," Cole said.

In 1998, painting began on a series of murals around the square that depict some of Charleston's most historic moments.

Eight are currently finished, and the longrange plan is to complete four to seven more.

"It's not ever going to be a retail shopping destination again," said Rich Sandefer, owner of the Shirt Factory on Seventh Street.

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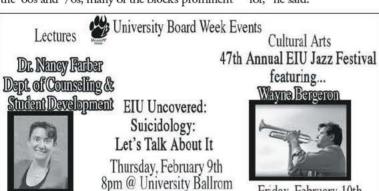
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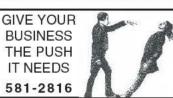
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#### COMMENTARY



#### Freedom of Chalk

"BUSH LIES." These two words were chalked in numerous places around the campus late last Tuesday night after the State of the Union speech. The individuals involved made their way from Stevenson Hall across 4th Street and separated into two groups. One group worked its way towards the South Quad while the other proceeded north to Old Main. Along the way the individuals chalked "Bush Lies" more than 30 times. I know because I was one of the individuals.

The purpose of this column is not to legitimize, through a list of facts, the statement that was written. Rather, I wish to shed light on the events that occurred and share the results and revelations of the action.

While we were in the midst of our chalking campaign, University Police stopped both of our groups. They asked us for identification and ran our names through to their dispatch. We were told that there is a policy that prohibited chalking unless the Eastern Illinois University approved the message. We were told that our case would go before the Judicial Affairs Board and be reviewed. We were told that we would be contacted for further information on our case.

We were neither arrested, nor given citations as some rumors have suggested. Our interaction with the officers was civil. We were simply told to stop, and one officer confiscated a group's chalk saying that we could produce a receipt for the expenses.

A few days later, a couple of the members of our group were contacted and told no action would be taken against us. The explanation was that the university has a policy but that we would not have known about it. The truth: There is no Internal Governing Policy that dictates restrictions for chalking.

A proposed policy was drafted a few years ago addressing this issue. It created strict guidelines for the posting of materials on campus. This proposal was not passed by the Board of Trustees and has since existed as a draft and only a draft.

There is a convenient miscommunication that exists between the law enforcement and Eastern as to what is to be enforced. This needs to be remedied immediately if it has not been already. From what I have gathered, the only reason that chalking is discouraged and perhaps even restricted on campus is because some top administrative personnel find it tacky.

This is not a legitimate reason. There are precedents concerning areas of free speech on university campuses that should be taken into account. A court decision, filed in the 9th Circuit Court in 1995, deals with the matter of chalking on property. The case of MacKinney v. Nielsen found that chalking did not fulfill requirements of being prohibited under a California Penal Code because "damage" was not caused to the property and the message was erasable. To say that chalking would cause damage to property would also compromise the legitimacy of the claim of defacement for instances in which more lasting materials were used (because of the loose interpretation of defacement that would be implied).

The positive point of chalking and freedom of speech is that it gives us a richer campus community where organizations can freely share information about their events. In recent years, I have heard of many incidents of people being afraid to share simple event notifications because they believed there was an anti-chalking policy. This lack of knowledge along with the fear connected to it has stifled our campus community.

So let it be known to all organizations on campus and individuals that you can chalk for events. Does this mean you should go wild writing profanity and making false allegations? Hardly. As with all rights, there are responsibilities. We have a duty as members of Eastern Illinois University to respect our campus and write our messages in an appropriate manner.

The ad campaign that rings throughout our ears is "I am EIU." It's true. You are. And this is your campus where you can speak your mind.

Marcy is a senior english major. The DEN holds Wednesday columns for guests.

#### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID PENNELL



**EDITORIAL** 

# Sheehan's free speech obscured

Shortly before President George W. Bush's State of the Union speech on Jan. 31, U.S Capitol Police arrested and removed anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan from the gallery of the House of Representatives. Sheehan, mother of a slain American soldier, was arrested for wearing a shirt that read, "2,245 dead — How many more?" She was charged with a misdemeanor and taken away in handcuffs. Two days later the charges were dropped.

The charges were dropped because the Capitol Police acted so quickly in arresting her that they forgot about Sheehan's free speech rights. As an invited guest of a U.S. Congresswoman, Sheehan was allowed to be there, and, unless she was trying

to incite violence, the First Amendment protected the words on her T-shirt.

The police also removed Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. Young (R-Fla.), from the visitors' gallery. She was removed because she had a shirt that read, "Support the troops – Defending our freedom," but she wasn't arrested.

That seems like a flagrant attempt to treat both sides equally, but only Sheehan was arrested.

In the Feb. 2 issue of the *Chicago Tribune*, Kerri Hanley, deputy house sergeant of arms, said the unlawful conduct charge against Sheehan was dropped and mentioned that the officers who arrested Sheehan thought she was doing something illegal.

"They were operating under the misguided impression that the T-shirt was not allowed," Hanley said.

#### At issue

Cindy Sheehan's arrest at President Bush's State of the Union address.

#### Our stance

The words on Sheehan's shirt are protected by the First Amendment. The police officers responsible for arresting her should have been informed in advance how to handle that kind of situation. The Sheehan situation brings to mind the Supreme Court case of Cohen vs. California. In 1971, Paul Robert Cohen was convicted of disturbing the peace by using offensive conduct when he wore a jacket with the words "F\*\*\* the draft" printed on the back. That decision was later overturned.

Cohen couldn't be convicted of trying to incite violence because the words on his jacket weren't aimed at any specific person. The only reason he was originally convicted was for having an offensive word on his jacket.

Because the words on Sheehan's shirt didn't include an offensive word and weren't aimed at one specific person with the intention of starting a fight or a riot, she should have been allowed to remain in

the visitors' gallery to witness President Bush give his speech.

This situation could have been prevented. It might be a good idea in the future for the police officers to be informed of the guest list, especially when an anti-war activist is being invited. That way they will be ready in case someone does try to incite violence. In another *Tribune* article, Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer admitted that the officers weren't prepared.

"The failure to adequately prepare the officers is mine," Gainer said. "Neither guest should have been confronted about the expressive T-shirts."

Hopefully that will be taken in account in future situations.

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

#### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

#### **COLUMNISTS NEEDED**

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! The Daily Eastern News is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. The DEN reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

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The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

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# ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY:

## NOMADS NO MORE

## Health Services ready to move to Pemberton

BY JENNIFER KETCHMARK STAFF REPORTER

Moving never seemed to end for the sociology and anthropology departments after Blair Hall caught fire in 2004. But the next stop will be a place they can call home.

However, the health studies department continues to travel, taking their place in Pemberton Hall's former dining room as construction on Lantz Arena gets under way

"No one likes to move, but we have to maintain classroom space," said health studies chair Robert Bates.

Bates said he thinks it is a good idea for the department to look at the situation in the best possible light and be a "team player."

"(Lantz) is a nice place to be," he said. "We are looking forward to coming back."

The sociology and anthropology department, among others, can start moving back into Blair Hall once renovations are complete, which is scheduled for after spring

"They are just ready to stop all the shuffling," said Gary Foster, chairman of sociology and anthropology. "After Blair (caught fire) we started out in the old Heath Services building... then it was on to the old Pemberton Dining Room."

Foster is eager to move the department back into Blair Hall and have a permanent home on campus. He is also looking forward to this final move and an end to the department's nomadic life, he said.



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Sociology professor Darren Hendrickson works in his cubicle located in the old cafeteria of Pemberton Hall. The sociology department is going to move into the rebuilt Blair Hall.

Angie Rhoads, secretary of the department, said she has been more fortunate during the moving process. Rhoads recently joined the sociology and anthropology department and has known no other home other than its current location in Pemberton

"It seems like (the professors) are always

running around campus and trying to keep straight what keys they need for different buildings," Rhoads said. "This will hopefully be an end to all the confusion."

The health studies department expects to move back into Lantz once construction is completed, which is scheduled for the spring of 2007.

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#### STUDENT SENATE

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Up for discussion:

**Big Red Dot** 

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**Diversity Affairs** 

**Committee name** 

Diversity affairs title could be changed to cultural awareness

By JENNIFER AUCHINCLOSS STAFF REPORTER

Student Government will discuss the possible bylaw change to exchange the name diversity affairs committee to cultural awareness committee at tonight's meeting.

"We're changing the way we govern ourselves," said Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson.

"It is a tough issue, and we'll probably spend a lot of time going over that."

The senate will discuss whether or not the change will benefit the students, he said.

"Diversity implies you have to change yourself," said Tori Frazier, chair of diversity affairs committee. "So I thought changing the name would help

everyone better understand our overall purpose."

Frazier said she is looking for the change to assist in a better-run organization.

"The committee will hopefully be taken more seriously and get more positive feedback," Frazier said.

Student Government is also working on the Big Red Dot campaign to place dots on publications that are based around its issues and news.

Student relations chair Cole Rogers said he is working on the public rela-

tions campaign for several reasons.

"One is to get our name out there, and hopefully encourage people to come to meetings and take a more active role in the Student Government," Rogers said. "It will help when campaign time comes and to get Student Government noticed."

S t u d e n t Government aims to inform students of upcoming events regarding the organiza-

tion, but a concern is students often disregard publications when viewing its posters and handouts.

The Student Senate will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Submission for grade deadline now extended

Grades will be due later now to ensure that faculty members will not be rushed

By Kayla Crow

ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

An extension for the faculty grade submission deadline was announced at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting.

The deadline has now been moved to 4 p.m. Monday rather than the Sunday after finals.

At their meeting last month, the senate expressed concern over the short amount of time between the end of finals and the deadline to submit grades. At the meeting, they had Sue Harvey from the registration and records department explain why the submission period was so short.

Harvey told the senate there was a committee currently looking into the submission period to see if there was any way to increase it.

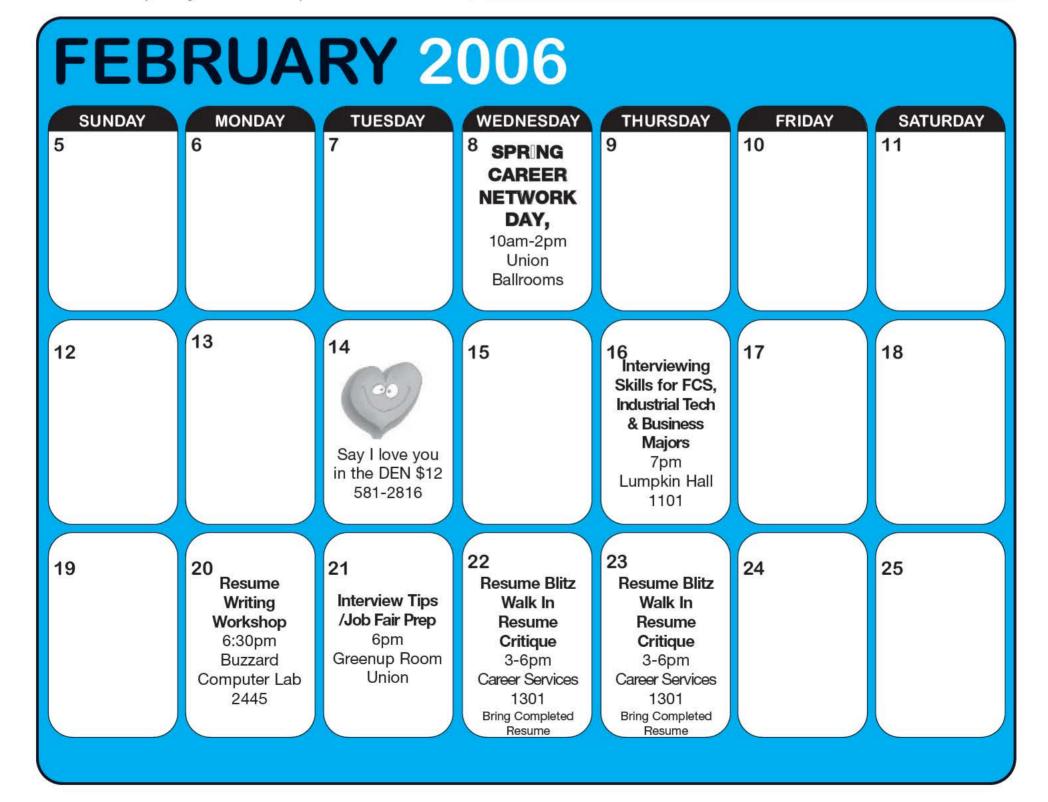
She also told the senate the office is trying to change the setup on the computer program so that it can run continuously from 7 a.m. on the Saturday after finals until the 4 p.m. deadline on Monday. Currently, the computer system has to be shut down overnight so it can make copies of the day's work.

#### In other state business:

- ◆ Faculty Senate finalized their plans for the faculty forum, which will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 21 in th eUniversity Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
- ◆ The senate approved the topics for the forum, including: how to heighten the university's state and national image, how to increase student participation in outside activities such as research and study abroad.
- Bob Chestnut, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, spoke to the senate about a focus group he is trying to form to look into research and sponsored activities

#### on campus.

- ◆ The senate chose two members to be in the focus group, Lynne Curry of the history depart ment and Leo Comerford from the mathematics department.
- ◆ Because of faculty forum on Feb. 21, the sen ate will not have a regular meeting again until March 7.
- ◆ The senate heard from Debra Hopgood, assis tant director of Academic Assessment and Testing, and learned how that office processes faculty evaluations. She told the senate the office processed 13,587 evaluations for 684 different course sections.



#### CITY COUNCIL

# Students confront members about Black History Month

BY KRISTEN LARSEI CITY EDITOR

Ben Marcy spoke on behalf of the External Relations Committee at the end of Tuesday's city council meeting about how the city does not officially recognize Black History Month.

It had come to Marcy's attention after speaking to several black students about how they felt discriminated against in the city.

A situation including racial slurs is not tolerated in the city, and can be brought to the city's attention, said Brian Bower, city attorney.

"We need to know about it so we can take action on it," Bower said.

The council's response regarding Black History Month is simply for those who have concerns about the issue to confront city council members themselves.

"That's why we are here, to represent citizens, whether they are a student here for two years or a life-long resident," said council member Jeff Lahr. "I live in the city, and can be found in the phone book, and am always willing to talk or meet with someone."

Marcy, the External Relations Committee and some of the city council members will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the Paris Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to further discuss matters that concern Black History Month.

An add-on resolution authorized the city to purchase the real estate south of City Hall.

Other matters approved included providing grants for the Tax Increment Financing district.



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior English major and Student Senate member, Ben Marcy speaks to city council members about the city's lack of recognition of Black History Month Tuesday night in City Hall.

A \$4,000 grant was given to the Charleston Tourism Board for plaques to be placed on the murals around the square telling the story behind each mural and the artists'

"That's a good idea for the signs," said council member Lorelei Sims. "There's a lot of history there."

#### Other ordinances approved involving the TIF District:

- ◆ Item #1: \$5,000 loan and a separate \$5,000 grant to renovate Mike and Stan's and help to preserve a mural on the building.
- ◆ Item #2: \$30,000 grant to fix the Christmas lights on the buildings around the square and to add permanent wiring.
- ◆ Item #3: \$300,000 grant to the city of Charleston for public improvements around the square.

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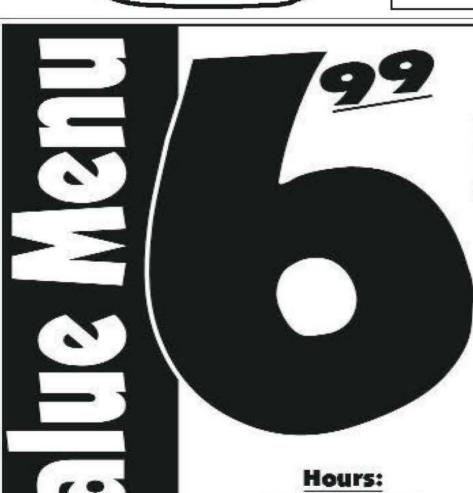


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### Alabama church fires ruled arson

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOLIGEE, Ala.- Fires damaged or destroyed four more Baptist churches across the Alabama countryside Tuesday, less than a week after a string of five blazes that were ruled

"I'm not prepared to talk about the evidence yet ... but common sense tells you there is a clear indication these fires are going to be linked," FBI acting assistant director Chip Burrus said in an interview with The Associated Press in Washington, D.C.

Rich Marianos, a spokesman for the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agency, said more than 50 agents were assigned to the case in Alabama.

"This is our No. 1 priority nationally," he said.

#### High school seniors taking more advance placement

WASHINGTON - More public high school seniors took and passed Advanced Placement tests in nearly every state last year, but racial gaps remained.

In the nation's public schools, 14.1 percent of the class of 2005 passed at least one AP test, up from 13.2 percent a year before, the College Board reported Tuesday. In

NATIONAL BRIEFS

2000, 10.2 percent of high school seniors passed a test.

Average scores were steady from 2004 to 2005, even though more students took the exams.

"It is our hope that the AP program can serve as an anchor for increasing rigor in our schools," College Board President Gaston Caperton said at a press conference. "Rigor can be maintained while increasing student participation."

President Bush called for increasing access to AP courses in his State of the Union speech last week as a way to improve American competitiveness in math and science.

#### Democrat says president's tax law 'dead' in Congress

WASHINGTON - The Senate's top Democratic tax writer said Tuesday that a presidentially appointed panel's recommendations for overhauling tax laws don't stand a chance in Congress.

"That thing's dead. That's dead, Mr. Secretary," Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont), told Treasury Secretary John Snow, who had been called before the Senate Finance Committee to

discuss the president's budget.

"We don't accept that," Snow

"Congress thinks it's dead," Baucus said. "That's going nowhere."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said later in a statement that it may be premature to declare tax reform

#### Half of Guantanamo Bay suspects just 'associated'

WASHINGTON - More than half of the terror suspects being held at Guantanamo Bay have not been accused of committing hostile acts against the United States or its allies, two of the detainees' lawyers said in a report released Tuesday.

Compiled from declassified Defense Department evaluations of the more than 500 detainees at the Cuba facility, the report says just 8 percent are listed as fighters for a terrorist group, while 30 percent are considered members of a terrorist group and the remaining 60 percent were just "associated with" terrorists.

The evaluations were completed as part of the Combatant Status Review Tribunals conducted during 2004 to determine if the prisoners were being correctly held as enemy combatants.



MARK AVERY/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/KRT NEWS

A rabbit runs away from a controlled burn along the northern edge of the 241 Toll Road Monday afternoon. More than 1500 homes were evacuated as the fires swept through the southeast forest area of Los Angeles.

#### FEES:

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#### Students will absorb cost of energy price increases

cost of on-campus housing to rise.

"If it were not for the meal plan, I might consider moving off-campus," Hodgson said. "Even considering the rise in the price of utilities, I see no reason for such a large increase in the cost of hous-

Brian McGuigan, a sophomore industrial technology major, did not welcome the news about the

"I can barely afford it as it is," McGuigan said.

He said any increase will be difficult for most students who depend on financial aid or are putting themselves through school.

"We obviously never want to see the prices go up, but when you are not getting any financial help from the state, the students are the ones who will have to pick up the difference," Hudson said.

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# Coaches join team practices

more competition. They bring something different to the table."

Sophomore forward Jake Byrne said having to match up against Johnson has helped his individual game.

"He's a really versatile big man," Byrne said. "He can post up, he's real strong so going against him helps because I can go against a couple different type of players."

In the five years that Jake Sinclair has been a part of the team, the senior guard has never seen a situation where three assistant coaches have participated in practice.

"I've never really heard of coaches having to practice like this, but it's just the situation we're in," he said.

All three coaches bring with them solid collegiate playing careers.

Recruited by former Redbird coach Bob Bender, Altadonna played for two years with Bender before Bender left to coach at Washington.

During his junior year, current Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings came to Normal to coach Altadonna during his final two years. These two men, along with his high school coach, Bob Bogle, shaped who Altadonna is as a coach today.

"My high school coach was probably the biggest influence on me with basketball," he said. "I had three good guys and then working for different guys through the coaching ranks has really given me good perspective on how someday I want to run my own program."

Altadonna came with Miller from Kansas State and saw the move to Charleston as a chance to return to Illinois

"I kind of got best of both worlds," he said. "I can do what I love and be close to my family in an area I'm familiar with."

Johnson was a player that Miller actually recruited when Johnson was coming out of Rose State Community College in Midwest City, Okla., and Miller was an assistant coach at Texas

"I really liked him when I recruited him," Miller said. "I kept in touch with him since he was a player and as a coach moving around. The timing was right and we had a chance to bring him here and I think he's a pretty good fit for this university." Johnson is the only member of the current staff that did not see coaching as a career.

After graduating from Tulsa with a bachelor's degree in economics, Johnson went to Tulsa's law school and earned his law degree.

Lewis is the only one of the three who played professionally after his career was over at Indiana University.

Lewis, the all-time leader in assists for the Hoosiers, learned from one of the best basketball minds in the history of college basketball—Bobby Knight.

"He's probably the most intelligent guy I've had the opportunity to sit down and talk with," Knight's former point guard said. "He's been great to me and just the knowledge that you pick up just hanging around him. You learn more on accident than anything else."

And it has come by accident that all three coaches have seen extended time on the court practicing. But having all three practice has raised the level of competition in practice, Sinclair said.

"They all might be a little old and overweight, but they can still go out and compete," said Sinclair, grinning. "Even though they're playing careers are over, they still love to go out there and play. They love every minute out there."

#### HAYNES:

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#### Panthers take on Austin Peay

This year, she has also had to move into a leadership role. It has forced her to be more vocal.

"Tve always been a leader by example," she said. "Now I have to open my mouth. I'm usually really a shy person."

Haynes credits her teammates for making the transition easier.

"This year's team is more receptive to my leadership. There is better

team chemistry."

The team has responded by taking on more of her personality, Blackston said.

"She's a big key to what we do," he said.

Three weeks after beating the Panthers with a last-second jumper, Haynes was back to her old ways when she sank a lay-up with 1.1 seconds remaining on Jan. 28 against Samford.

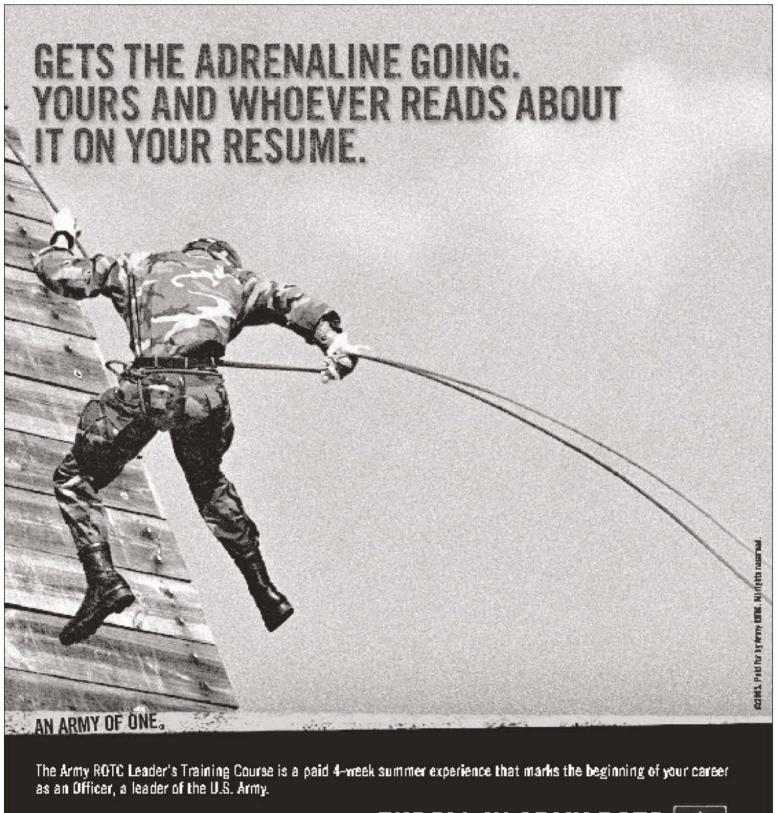
The shot was something that Blackston is beginning to expect out of Haynes.

"The biggest compliment I can give her is that she's a complete ballplayer," he said.

**PANTHER BRIEFS** 

# Junior wins weekly MCC swimming award

Swimmer Bill Senese was named the Mid-Continent Conference's swimming athlete of the week after putting up a strong performance against St. Louis University in their dual meet last weekend at Lantz Natatorium. The junior picked up a pair of first-place finishes. He won the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.69 seconds and the 200 backstroke with a 1:57.91 time. It is the first time an Eastern Illinois swimmer was named athlete of the week this season. Claire Garvey was nominated for the athlete of the week but lost out to Alison Rober of IUPUI.



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# Perz turns it on

#### 184-lb. sophomore wrestler leads team with nine pins

STAFF REPORTER

The Jan. 28 Central Missouri Jamboree can be declared the turning point of sophomore 184-pound Greg Perz' season, after finishing the day 2-2 with two pins.

Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland knew that by making a few adjustments, Perz would be in contention for every match.

"That Central Missouri tournament was a breakout day for him, his last matchup at 197 pounds two weeks ago kind of set things straight for him," he said. "He was beating his guy but ended up making an error and getting pinned. After that he realized, 'If I just relax I can get myself out of trouble."

Perz (13-10) kept himself out of trouble at last weekend's triangular dual at home against No. 25 Northern Iowa and Wyoming, winning both matches by pins in the first period.

Perz leads the Panthers in pins with nine. Junior Kenny Robertson, who was nationally ranked for the first half of the season, is second on the team with eight pins.

In his last nine matches, Perz is a combined 6-3 with four of those wins coming from pins and two from major decisions.

A major decision is when a wrestler beats his opponent by between eight and 14 points.

The majority of his wins have come by pin and Perz attributes that to being on a good conditioning routine.

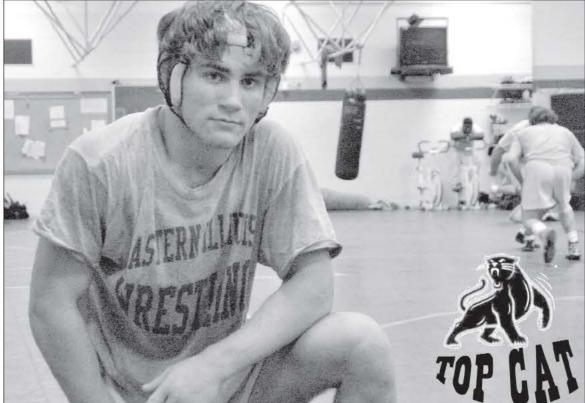
"A lot of my wins have been by pin recently. It helps a lot that we are getting down to a good point, condition wise, where we are in shape to wrestle hard the whole 7 minutes," he said.

Perz has been wrestling since he first signed up for the Crystal Lake children's wrestling club as a 7-year-old and remained on the team until going to wrestle at Prairie Ridge High School.

"I started when I was 7 and wrestled in a local kids club until eighth grade," he said. "I started at 125 pounds my freshman year and by my senior year I was wrestling at 171 pounds."

Perz had an overall high school record of 67-19 and was 26-6 as a senior with 20 pins.

Beginning to wrestle at age 7 was not a burden for Perz, but rather something



Greg Perz, a sophomore 184-pound wrestler, pinned both of his opponents in last Saturday's triangular meet at Lantz Arena. Perz's record is 13-10 this season and he leads the team with nine pins.

he wanted to start a year before.

Perz' father Scott Perz wrestled at Eastern in the '70s and insisted Greg wait until he was 7 to start wrestling

competitively and also served as inspiration to follow his father by wrestling

"My dad wrestled at Eastern from

'71 to '74 until he blew out his knee," he said. "He got me started when I was 7 and also was the reason I wanted to come and wrestle at Eastern.



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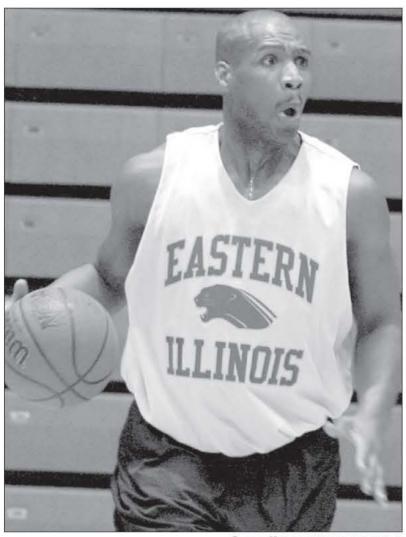
THURSDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AUSTIN PEAY	5:15 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AUSTIN PEAY	7:35 p.m.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD AT IOWA STATE	All Day
	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS AT IPFW	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	WRESTLING AT SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	1 p.m.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# SUITS AND SKINS

## Coaches join shorthanded squad in practice



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Assistant men's basketball coach Kwanza Johnson practices with the Panthers Tuesday at Lantz. Johnson and assistant coaches Chad Altadonna and Mike Lewis all played Division I college basketball.

BY MATT DANIELS ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It's 5:30 p.m. at Lantz Arena on Monday, and men's basketball practice is nearing the end.

Three men are standing around a cooler of Gatorade sipping from paper cups.

Looking fatigued, with heavy breathing and sweatdrenched practice jerseys, these men are not players on Eastern's roster.

Assistant coaches Chad Altadonna, Michael Lewis and Kwanza Johnson have just finished two hours of practice, going against players 5 to 10 years younger.

"Tve dropped about 10 pounds practicing with them," said Johnson, laughing. "You get a good cardio workout."

With only 11 players on the Panthers' roster, the assistant coaches have been practicing with the Panthers since the team resumed practices after Christmas.

"I think we all probably have practiced at some point or another in our coaching careers, but maybe not as much as we have this year," Altadonna said.

Lewis said he thinks it's easier to coach when he is

"(The players) see you doing the same things," he said. "Plus, with all of us and the experience we have, we're able to see different things that maybe we wouldn't be able to see standing on the side."

Thirteen players were originally on Eastern's roster at the start of the year, but with juniors Ross Laux and Austin Hogue no longer on the team, head coach Mike Miller has turned to his assistants to play during practice.

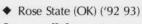
"It was just our numbers were down, and when you get guys with a little bit of an injury, it would limit our numbers," Miller said. "They provide more energy,

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#### KWANZA JOHNSON

#### ◆ Tulsa ('94 95)





**Collegiate Career** 



team and team capt ('95)

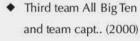
◆ Two NCAA tournament Sweet 16 appearances

#### MICHAEL LEWIS

#### **Collegiate Career**

◆ Indiana ('97 2000)

#### **Accomplishments**



 Indiana University all time assist leader (545)

#### CHAD ALTADONNA Gollegiate Gareer



◆ Illinois State ('92 95)

#### Accomplishments

 Illinois State team capt. and MVC 'Sixth Man Award' (1995)

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Haynes to hit Lantz looking for buzzer-beater part deux

By MARCO SANTANA SPORTS EDITOR

Ashley Haynes knows all about big shots. When Austin Peay hosted Eastern on Jan. 7, the senior forward was called upon to

Eastern had tied the game at 62 on a pair of free throws by freshman guard Megan Edwards. Austin Peay head coach Andy Blackston called a time out with 4 seconds and drew a play up for Haynes.

"You get the ball in the best player's hands," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "It is similar to when we drew up a (last-second) play for Megan Sparks.'

Haynes took the inbounds pass and dribbled to the left of the free-throw line. She leaned in to a defender and sent a 15-foot jumper toward the basket.

It went through as the buzzer sounded.

"I didn't know it was going in until it went

through the net," Haynes said. "It was luck." Sallee and Haynes both said the play was

defended well. But Haynes has made a habit of scoring, even against good defense.

That is why she is averaging a doubledouble for the Lady Govs this season with 15.8 points per game and 13.2 rebounds per game.

"She's very athletic and has a nose for the ball," Blackston said. "She doesn't wait for the ball to come to her."

Haynes will be at Lantz Arena on Thursday in a pivotal Ohio Valley Conference game. The Panthers are one game ahead of Austin Peay for fourth place in the conference.

In the postseason, the OVC's top four teams host first-round playoff games.

Haynes has been a part of some successful Austin Peay teams. In her freshman season, the Lady Govs went to the NCAA tournament after winning the OVC tournament.

That was when they hired Blackston to take over for Haynes' first coach, Susie Gardner.

"We had a little rocky relationship in the past," Haynes said. "I was at a young age and was upset at losing my old coach."

Blackston led the Lady Govs back to the NCAA tournament in Haynes' sophomore year. In her junior year, however, Austin Peay missed the OVC tournament for the first time in her career.

"I think it really upset her," Blackston said. "She hates to lose. (But) people who invest a lot don't go down easy."

Haynes' statistics this season show that she has responded. Her previous high was 11.9 points and 9.2 rebounds in her sophomore season.

"She's always had that ability," Sallee said. "But she has made up her mind to do it on a nightly basis."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN PEAY

Last time senior forward Ashley Haynes played Eastern she had 21 points, 14 rebounds and scored the game winning shot with seconds remaining.