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## Athletes of the year

The Daily Eastern News names the male and female athletes of the year.

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# New speaker: Know your roles



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Davidson, speaker of the senate, talks to student senators Wednesday night in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Davidson discussed the accomplishments of the student senate.

### ♦ Walsh wants to see changes in Senate

By Jeremy Pelzer  
CITY REPORTER

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Senate members chose future prospects over past Student Government experience Wednesday, electing Mike Walsh speaker of the senate for next semester.

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"I don't think new senators are sure of their role," Walsh said.

Many senate members voiced approval of the proposed program.

Berger said that if he was a new senate member, "that (proposal) would sell me in a second."

Walsh also said he wanted to improve Eastern's reputation in the community through a newsletter highlighting the good things Eastern students do.

When asked how he would find the funding for the newsletter, Walsh said "We'll find funding. If I have to pay for it, I'll pay for it."

Before joining Student Senate, Walsh served as Thomas Hall president. He has also served in the Air Force.

While many senate members felt Lesica and Herges had more experience in Student Government, outgoing student vice president for academic affairs Lisa Flam felt Walsh's newcomer status with Student Government was an asset.

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### Outgoing speaker proud of senate's work

By Amy Bicknell  
STAFF WRITER

Bill Davidson is proud of the Student Senate.

He delivered the semester State of the Senate address at Wednesday's senate meeting.

"Today, I'm glad to report the senate answered their call of duty to represent the students of Eastern," Davidson said.

He said he was proud of senate member's efforts, such as in lobbying efforts in Springfield, maintaining the senate Web site and working with university committees.

Last semester, Davidson addressed the senate with high hopes and goals.

"My speech criticized and challenged the senate to demand more from their fellow senators and themselves."

Senate member Ryan Herdes and the senate University Development and Recycling Committee were commended for the adding of bicycle racks on campus.

Two-hundred and fifty surveys, regarding landlords and housing situations to improve off-campus housing, were conducted this year.

Davidson also commended Diversity Affairs, who held the "most successful Spoken Word in terms of attendance." Spoken Word is an open mic event for students to showcase talent.

The senate members worked very hard this past year, and their

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# Professors withhold judgment on budget

By Tim Martin  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Don't judge a book by its cover. Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposed budget for next fiscal year doesn't have to be constitutionally approved until May 31, so Eastern faculty are reserving judgment.

David Radavich, president of University Professionals of Illinois, said it is too early to tell how effective Blagojevich's budget will be, but the public will know a lot more in six months.



Rod Blagojevich

"This is an inherited budget," Radavich said. "This is really the worst budget in 50 years, so this is going to take some time to get out of. It's very difficult to keep an eye on."

The state deficit is \$5 billion for Fiscal Year 2004.

Eastern's share is \$1.4 million in cuts for this fiscal year and more than \$4 million next year.

Some support the proposals, while others disapprove, but the greater percentage of faculty believes an assumption cannot be made until more time has passed.

The UPI endorsed Blagojevich last spring. In a UPI-supplied questionnaire, Blagojevich was asked for his comments dealing with a per student expenditures statistic that ranked Illinois 47 out of 50 in spending.

"I strongly believe that the state can improve its share of spending on higher education, both for the state university system and the community college system. As governor, I would address and reverse the neglect that the state has shown towards both its higher education system in general," he responded.

With a \$112 million proposed cut from the \$2 billion higher education budget, some faculty members believe Blagojevich's methods could be destructive.

In the budget address last month, Blagojevich said he wanted

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# Charleston school board cuts teachers

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Charleston School District Unit 1 is cutting teacher positions and making other adjustments to work with an \$800,000 budget deficit.

The district's enrollment numbers have been declining and state funding has decreased, causing the school board to reduce next year's teaching staff.

Superintendent Ted Wetekamp said the board has "taken action" by eliminating 5.5 to six positions.

The eliminated positions will save \$467,000 of the school budget, Wetekamp said.

After a third year of facing shortfalls throughout the district, a decision to make cuts and

changes was deemed necessary by the board.

Wetekamp blamed the deficit on "declining enrollment and less local tax revenue."

Charleston High School Principal John Broome said his school opened the 2002-2003 school year with 935 students enrolled and the projected enrollment for September 2003 is about 910 students.

"I have been in the position for two years and for those two years those changes were not terribly cutting, however that has been the pattern for the past several years at Charleston," Broome said.

Since there are no parochial or private schools in the area and

very few people are home schooled, Broome blames the declining enrollment on an increase of residents leaving the area because of Charleston's current economic situation.

"We'll be making other budget reductions in terms of holding back expenditures. And if teachers are resigning or retiring, we will replace them with younger, less costly teachers," Wetekamp said.

Other changes will involve technological changes and decreasing expenditures such as travel.

CHS will lose about two teachers.

"It's going to get real interesting around here because we're going to have people who are real-

ly teaching in areas they haven't taught before," Broome said.

The position eliminations also will lead to increased class sizes. Wetekamp predicted an average of two to three more students per classroom in the district.

"We are going to lose the sanctity of some academic departments," Broome said. "People who once were just math teachers will now be teaching math and another subject they may not be as familiar with."

Despite those changes, Wetekamp and Broome said they are not planning to cut any academic programs or courses.

"At this point, since I have been here we have had less money each year to operate programs,"

Broome said. "We are not planning to eliminate any programs."

He said eliminating programs is a very difficult decision left to the school board.

Wetekamp said the board is not planning to eliminate any programs this year.

The position cuts and reduced expenditures should eventually make budget progress and reduce the deficit.

Wetekamp said he is hopeful the deficit will reduce in the following years.

"At some point I really believe that public entities in the state of Illinois are going to become financially solvent again," Broome said. "However, when that is I do not know."



COMING UP

## Credit revisions for military service members fuels controversy

By Dan Renick  
STAFF WRITER

Graduation and credit revisions to the current student military service withdrawal process could spark controversy at the Council of Academic Affairs meeting Thursday.

If anything, the conflict will be in the graduation section, said CAA student member Ronnie Deedrick said.

The changes proposed by Deedrick are one-time limits on student refunds and in awarding credit hours. Currently, students receive class credit or a refund if they are deployed within two weeks. The proposal calls for an additional week.

"Some faculty might feel like we're handing out degrees," Deedrick said in reference to the current system.

The changes will allow students who leave for military service to graduate under certain stipulations.

The student must complete seven weeks of the semester with a C or better in all classes and fulfill all other graduation requirements.

Deployed students and faculty chairs will discuss the requirements that aren't met, and a decision will be made.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, about 30 students have been affected by the policy, Deedrick

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—Ronnie Deedrick

said. The CAA wants to clarify its policy before further troops are activated.

"We are trying to be proactive about this," Deedrick said. "If the policy isn't spelled out, there's too much room for interpretation."

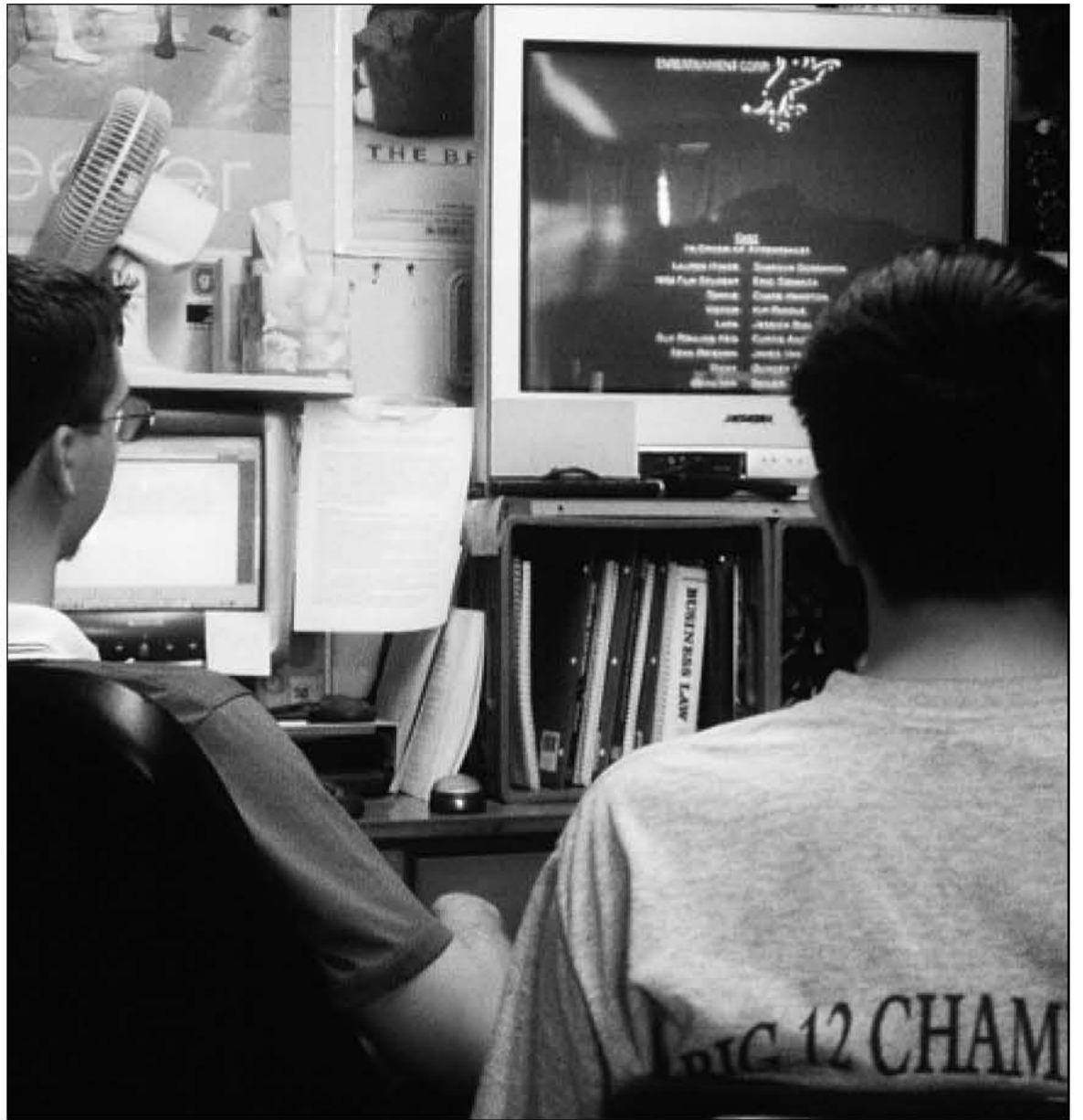
Changes will reflect similar policies at Western Illinois University, University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

The CAA also will discuss revisions in the accounting and management programs, but the changes will have little affect on students, said accounting professor Matthew Monippallil, director of the accounting program.

Monippallil said the changes are intended to clarify existing requirements.

The council also is revising its bylaws for clarification and holding an election for the 2003-2004 officers.

The CAA will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



DANIEL LEE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Uros Marjanovic, a freshman pre-engineering major, and Cody Hollinshead, a sophomore computer information systems major, wait for a movie to start on the on-campus movie channel Wednesday afternoon in McKinney Hall.

## Some students give campus movie channel fuzzy reception

By Jorge Sanchez  
STAFF WRITER

Channel 17, the university movie channel, has received complaints from students in the past over technical difficulties.

Adam Cherne, a sophomore undecided major who lives in Taylor Hall, said: "The movie channel sucks. It previews movies more than it actually shows them."

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services, said.

"We've had problems, but

WEIU has done stuff to improve it," he said. "We had faulty equipment and computer programs."

The problems were apparent last fall and spring semester.

"We have made progress," he said. "In fall semester there were many problems as well as early this spring semester, but we have worked it out and were doing well," Hudson said.

Channel 17 has been available in the halls for three years.

The movies shown are chosen by students on the Residence Hall Association. Some of the movies recently shown include "Maid in

Manhattan," "Half Baked" and "Pay it Forward."

Bill Fitzgibbon, a sophomore business major, said he was frustrated with Channel 17.

"I think it sucks because they cut movies off in the middle of it being shown," he said.

While some students get aggravated, others are just happy to have the channel.

Josh Benefil, a junior physical education major, said, "I like Channel 17. It saves me a trip to Family Video and plays all my favorite chick flicks."

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Disturbing the peace

Damien M. McCottrell, 22, of 1409 Ninth St. was arrested at 2:38 a.m. April 27 at his residence, police reports stated. He was charged with disturbing the peace.

#### Theft

DVDs were taken from the 1419 Second St. residence, police reports stated. The burglary occurred sometime between 3:00 p.m. April 25 and 10:00 a.m. April 26. No one has been arrested for the theft.

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## Coles receives \$125,000 from motor fuel tax

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Coles County's monthly allotment for motor fuel tax presented in April was about \$125,000 for municipalities, townships and road districts expenditures.

Motor fuel tax is taken from a percentage of motor fuel profits. Darrell Lewis, local program engineer for the Illinois Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, said about 19 cents is taken from every gallon of fuel sold.

"In an average city like Charleston, approximately \$28.25 per person and \$1,325 per mile is redistributed to the county," Lewis said.

Municipalities, counties and townships/road districts receive 54 percent of the fund and the remaining money is dedicated to the road fund and construction account.

Coles county receives the 54 percent for distribution under state spending requirements.

County spending requirements restrict expenditure to a series of projects, Lewis said. Funds can go toward bicycle paths, sign and surface markings, county garages, federal aid projects, grade separations and non-dedicated subdivision roads.

County employee salaries and compensations are considered acceptable motor fuel tax fund expenditures.

Money also can be spent on storm sewers, traffic control devices, tree trimming and tree removal, utility adjustment and wheelchair ramps. Railway signal protection, right-of-way, salt storage facilities, sidewalks, state and county highways and county unit roads are also permissible expenditures.

"First, expenses are made, then

a percentage goes back to local agencies and is split up by population for municipalities and by mileage for road districts," Lewis said.

Coles County has about 744 miles of road districts, which entitles it to \$73,000. Of the \$4,012,885 of vehicle fees, Coles County was allotted just under two percent for county use.

Lewis said of all the motor fuel tax funds, the State Construction Account Fund receives 37 percent and the Road Fund receives the remaining 63 percent.

Almost half of the tax is given to state municipalities, 17 percent to Cook County alone, 18 percent to the remaining counties and 16 percent to road districts. Lewis said

Coles County dedicates this money to road repair projects and other allowable expenditures.



# Student exec to create database of scholarships by fall 2003

◆ Sartore, student vice president for academic affairs, also to add students to faculty hiring committees

By Niki Jensen  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Amanda Sartore, newly elected student vice president for academic affairs, wants to have a university scholarship database up and running at the beginning of next school year.

"I'm looking for (the database) to be there within the first two to three weeks (of the fall semester)," Sartore said.

The scholarship database will be part of the Student Government Web site, allowing students to enter information about themselves and find matching scholarship opportunities.

"I think it's a good idea," said Tracy Gall, sophomore family and consumer sciences major. "My friend has been looking (for scholarships) online and has had a hard time finding anything."

Currently, a student seeking scholarship information must fill out an information form at the Student Activities Center.

It usually takes about two weeks for students to receive their results because so many requests are filed, Sartore said.

The online database will produce instant results.

"The results will pop up instantly," Sartore said.

The database will provide students with information about many types of scholarships, such as those pertaining to certain majors or specific requirements.

"There are a lot of scholarships for the majors," Sartore said.

Students will still be able to locate scholarships through the Student Activities Center, in addition to utilizing the database, she said.

The database will be created by an Eastern student and will not cost any money, Sartore said.

"I already have the students who can make (the Web site)," she said. "They're going to try to do it over the summer."

"I thought, 'Why pay out for someone else to do it?'" Sartore said.

In addition to the scholarship database, Sartore also wants to get students involved with faculty hiring procedures.

"I want to have a student in each department for faculty hiring procedures," she said.

One student currently sits on the Presidential Search Committee, which hires Eastern's presidents, Sartore said.

But no rule states student input must be considered in the hiring of faculty members.

"If we're capable enough to pick the president of our university, we should have a say in who is in our departments," she said. "We are the ones who are the most affected by the faculty each day."

Although Ronnie Deedrick, current student vice president for academic affairs, has already begun contacting department chairs to get student representation on department committees, Sartore will continue these efforts.

"I'm going to pick up where he left off," she said. "It'll start when I come back in the fall."



Amanda Sartore  
"I want to have a student in each department for faculty hiring procedures."

# Delta Tau Delta wrestles for memorial

◆ Fraternity raises funds for brother who died several years ago

Gregory McElroy  
ACTIVITIES WRITER

A small, but enthusiastic crowd turned out for plenty of high flying and pile driving.

The backyard wrestling event Wednesday evening featured the Federation of United Wrestlers at the Delta Tau Delta house.

"We did their rush week, and that was a good showing," said wrestler Lucas Thomas, better known as "D.J. Luke Warm" in the ring. "So we wanted to do a 'thank you' event for them while doing something for a good and noble cause."

The second event of the school year raised money for purchase of a memorial for Dan Doyle, a deceased Eastern student and Delta Tau Delta member.

The event featured 17 wrestlers in seven matches, including an inter-gender match, where a male wrestles a female wrestler, a five-man match and a three-man match, where it was every man for himself and a championship match for the new Delta Tau Delta Championship belt.

"We all got our training in Bloomington from wrestlers with more experience than us that came in and showed us the ropes," Thomas said. "We don't really do much before shows now because we all just go out there perform on a regular basis."

Thomas said wrestling takes a lot of coordination. The wrestlers have to coordinate their timing with their moves to make it look as real and as painful as possible.

There was plenty of practicing and discussion before the event began.

"Everybody knows that it's fake," said Thomas. "So you have to be very coordinated with the guy you're in the ring with."

The federation, which was founded in 1998, also features other wrestlers like John "Resident Hottie" Gillian and Mike "Dre" Phillips.

"Most of the work goes into the building of the ring," said Phillips. "It's not as much intensity that goes into it as people think. The more shows you do, the more you get use to it over time."

"People expected to see something you don't see in the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment)," said Gillian. "They were expecting to see high flying and risk taking that they haven't seen before and that the bigger federations like the WWE are now starting to appeal to."



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

The Charlotte Spider performs the piledriver, a wrestling move, against foe Jade Shocker Wednesday night in a wrestling match in the backyard of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house. The wrestling group gave the special performance to collect money for a memorial to be bought for Dan Doyle, a brother who died several years ago.

# Senate votes down cap on textbook fee, approves \$400 for shuttle bus schedules

By Niki Jensen  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate voted 21-1 in favor of removing the textbook rental hourly cap for the 2003-2004 school year.

The cap is currently set at \$95.15 for 12 or more semester hours.

Currently, students taking 12 or more hours pay the maximum fee of \$95.15.

If approved by the Board of Trustees, the \$7.95 hourly rate will be applied to each credit hour taken, regardless if the total exceeds 12.

With the removal of the cap, "you're paying for what you get," said Amy Leonard, student vice president for business affairs.

"If we do not pass this cap removal, we are going to see a very large fee increase in the future," said Student Senate member Josh Jewett. "By taking away the cap, that red number gets smaller and smaller."

Marty Ruhaak, student executive vice president, had a different opinion.

"This is bad timing," he said. "This is something that does not need to happen today."

The senate's approval followed a proposal by Dan Klingenberg, director of textbook rental services, to increase the fee by an additional 4 percent at Tuesday's Tuition and Fee Review Committee meeting.

"I am pleased," Klingenberg said referring to the senate's decision to pass the removal of the cap.

"We are still going to be the lowest (university) by far compared to other universities (in terms of textbook prices)," said vice president for student affairs Shirley Stewart.

The Student Senate voted unanimously to allocate \$400 from next year's fiscal budget for the printing of new shuttle bus schedules.

"Four hundred dollars will roughly get us about 4,000 schedules," said senate member Brian Scios.

With the completion of 202 shuttle bus surveys, Scios said he will begin working on new shuttle bus routes.

Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson delivered his State of the Senate address, highlighting the accomplishments of the Student Senate members.

Elections for the new Speaker of the Senate followed Davidson's address.

Mike Walsh was named Speaker of the Senate for the fall 2003 semester.

The senate voted on and named its "senators of the semester" and of the year.

Larry Ward, newly elected student vice president for business affairs, was named "senator of the semester."

Senate member Ryan Herdes was named "senator of the year."

"He's the James Brown of Student

Government, the hardest working man," said senate member Jessica Jarrett.

The senate passed a resolution recommending additional security at next year's Homecoming Parade.

Those marching in the last parade complained of items being thrown and foul language directed at those marching in the parade.

The resolution upholds Eastern's Student Code of Conduct which allows an individual or a group to be punished for inappropriate action.

Senate member Kyle Donash said increased security measures at the parade could include students acting as parade marshals and fining individuals for inappropriate behavior.

The senate also passed a resolution suggesting Eastern restrict purchases of coffee to only Fair Trade Certified Companies.

"This is a vary possible thing," said senate member Lauren Kluge. "It's going to happen at Java B & B next year."

Senate members also suspended bylaws to pass a bill to extend routes for the Bus One route of the Panther Express. A new route to Coleman, County Market and Art Park West will be added.

Newly elected senate members took their seats for the first time during the meeting.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page."  
~Author Augustine

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## EDITORIAL

# Tuition waivers implausible

Free tuition in exchange for a five-year commitment to in-state elementary or secondary school after graduation sounds like a pretty fair deal.

Teacher shortages in Illinois have caused the Illinois House of Representatives to approve the plan and send it to be voted on by the State Senate.

This may help to keep enough qualified teachers in state and help make school more affordable for those students who want to receive their education.

A study from the Illinois State Board of Education shows that the state will need nearly 64,000 teachers during the next four years, and with the teacher enrollment decreasing in Illinois and many graduates looking elsewhere for work, something needs to be done.

Of the teachers who *do* stay in Illinois to teach, about 30 percent leave after three years.

So why do all these people depart to other places and why are fewer students enrolling?

Doug Bower, the assistant dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said graduates are turned off by the low pay and prospective teachers simply don't want to stay in Illinois.

The low pay and the possibility of spending the rest of their careers surrounded by cornfields or in the tough inner city makes teaching less desirable as well. Bower also said being a new teacher can be lonely, which is why so many get out after three years.

This makes the five-year number just right. It is long enough for a teacher to get familiar with the job and school, and also short enough to allow teachers to get out if they truly desire.

A five-year plan also gives teachers more of an opportunity to be rewarded. The longer a teacher is at a certain school, the better the chance that teacher has to receive promotions and pay increases.

Overall, this would be a good way to improve the state's teacher shortage, but the current budget crisis makes it nearly impossible. For one full-time Eastern student, it would cost the state more than \$16,000 in tuition for their four (or five) years in school.

With the amount of teachers the state needs, it would be hard to supply that money for each student and find a fair way to distribute it among all of them.

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

## OPINION

# Age simply a state of mind



**Nate Bloomquist**  
 Senior writer and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

Bloomquist also is a journalism major.

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A controversy brews among residents of Springfield, Mo., but it's none of their business really.

One of Eastern's own, Jimmy Shonkwiler, the newly hired budget director, helps build the mystery — and he's not squealing, at least not again.

To divulge his mother's age would give away the secret to staying young, something many graduates seek.

His mother, Hazel Walsh, who has tended bar in a college town somewhere in the country for all of her adult life, celebrated her birthday Wednesday, but no one will ever know which one.

"A lady would never reply to that question and a gentleman would never ask," she'd cattily retort if anyone ever got the nerve.

Shonkwiler said she doesn't want to give her age because she's nervous it would affect her business. More importantly, it keeps her young. She owns and manages the bar she tends and will open another May 5.

Walsh doesn't act like your average 60, 70, or 80 something.

Ten years ago she was made an honorary fraternity member. The Southwest Missouri State chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi simply went nuts over Hazel.

Shonkwiler drew many lashings for giving his mother's age to *The*

*"The fountain of youth isn't on tap at Hazel's bar."*

*Daily Eastern News*. News editor John Chambers got the scoop. But Hazel's hazing won't come, lucky for her, no one reads the DEN there.

Fraternity members stay in the dark about her age and they likely wouldn't care if Hazel had 100 years behind her.

"We had some members who came to the bar I ran all the time and they'd suggest drink recipes and we got along really well," Walsh said Tuesday. "I go to almost all of their functions and so the ones who showed up at the bar called themselves the Hazelnut Club. I thought gosh, that's a goofy name."

Shonkwiler drove her to the fraternity induction ceremony.

"I walked her to the door, but that was it. I couldn't go in," Shonkwiler said. "She didn't want me to crash the fraternity's party. I had to wait outside."

The Hazelnuts don't fall too far from Walsh's bar. They're committed to helping Walsh's charity, Hazel's Kids, which provides

Christmas gifts, school clothes, supplies and other items for underprivileged children living in local group homes.

Shonkwiler said his mother picked up the idea from his sister.

"When we were growing up she'd bring in all kinds of animals and ask if we could keep them," Shonkwiler said. "One day she brought home her friend, who didn't want to go back to the group home, and she kept her here for three weeks without mom knowing."

Walsh said the more children she can hang around, the younger she feels. That includes crazy college kids.

The fountain of youth isn't on tap at her bar, but the secret to staying young and advice she could pass on to any graduate is. A bartender, or mixologist — her preferred title — sells social life. She said staying social has always been the key — it's more than mixing drinks.

"Staying social helps me stay young and that's what everyone wants to be," she said. "It's just about being with people. I work a lot of home parties. I'm always invited to something."

Hazel carries the life of the party. So how old is she? Ageless.

Cartoon by Jeremy Pelzer



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Sports writers need accuracy

This letter is in response to sports writer Matt Williams incorrect "blurp" in the *Daily Eastern News* concerning the women's tennis team and its participation in the April 25-27 Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Mr. Williams, as the captain of the women's team, and a senior, I am more than relieved this was the last article on our team I will be included in. I apologize for you having to take the brunt of this letter because you are not the only one to blame for the consistent and specific factual errors and misquotations the sports staff has been party to this year.

How many mistakes will you guys have to make before you realize that checking facts is a vital part of solid reporting? I've been around for four years of Panther tennis and have become accustomed to the fact that the News favors more sports over others. Granted, you have managed coverage this year, but on the surface you never manage to print anything other than what could be learned

in a box score. I have come to terms with the fact you would much rather overflow your columns with bashing remarks about the women's basketball team or splash the pages with up-to-the-minute predictions for Eastern's next football season but personally, I've had my fill.

In reference to the article, first off, junior Becky Brunner *did* in fact receive All-Conference honors. However, your column included that, "Eastern had to do without captain Becky Brunner for the entire tournament." I assure you I was very much present in Nashville throughout the entire tournament and my teammate, Miss Brunner did not sit out a single match.

In fact, she battled in her third match against Morehead State in a third set of phenomenal play. Which in fact, was called only because the opposing team had reached four points. But I guess the bare-boned facts were all you really needed to meet your deadline.

Secondly, I'd like to thank

you for the two short sentences you devoted to congratulate head coach Brian Holzgrafe received. This accomplishment of a conference crown is an achievement in itself. Additionally, in the history of the award, since 1962, there have been only eight other times in which it has been offered to a coach who did not win the conference title.

But this information would require research and God forbid you write anything other than a dressed up box score and a few misquotes.

I have known Coach Holzgrafe for two years and can tell you he is far too into the well-being of his teams to be concerned with being praised for his achievements. However, why not just give proper credit where it is due, rather than just filling space?

Lastly, both myself and

teammate Becky Brunner do in fact have the same first name. I can see how incredibly difficult it must be to keep from mixing up our results and photos repeatedly. An eight-member squad is a huge responsibility. I shudder to think what would have transpired had there been two Henrys on the men's basketball team.

The bottom line is this; Eastern's sports staff may draw out of a hat to determine the unlucky individual who will cover the current Eastern tennis match, but that should not take away from the aspect of fairness and accuracy.

If you don't understand tennis, or you flat out just don't care, please take your name out of the hat and send some rookie staff writer in your place.

Senior journalism major  
 Becky Carlson

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Andrews and Lawson halls tower over the south end of the quad and house only females. Women who lived there once had to abide by curfews and participated in panty raids.

## Lawson, Taylor halls once famous for panty raids, strict rules in '70s

By Mary Carnevale  
STAFF WRITER

Lawson Hall, connected to Taylor Hall, used to make headlines for the "panty raids" that took place in the early '70s.

"Guys would go around outside the hall until the women threw their underwear at them," said Keith Kohanzo, director of judicial affairs for 25 years now, who became a student at Eastern in 1964.

He remembers when the hall was built, along with the antics that used to go on outside of Lawson.

Kohanzo said there used to be strict curfew rules for girls at the hall. If girls broke those rules, they could face possible "room or dorm camping," which confined them to either place.

If women wanted to go home or travel somewhere on the weekends, for instance, they would have to sign out on a card, which would give them written permission to leave campus.

Lawson has nine floors and was built to accommodate 500 women.

Latonya Hemingway, a sophomore biological science major, lives in Lawson and works the front desk.

"I enjoy it because, not only is Lawson an all-girl dorm, it's also very clean and very neat," Hemingway said.

Senior English major Amanda Beard is in her second year as a Resident Assistant at Lawson and likes the relaxed atmosphere.

Cilvia Henderson, a sophomore

business management major, is another Resident Assistant at Lawson and likes that programs have a good turnout.

"People are a lot more likely to come out and participate in programs," she said.

Henderson also talked about one experience in particular when she and a few of the girls on her floor went to a nursing home to make arts and crafts and play bingo.

The hall was named after Elizabeth K. Lawson, who came to Eastern in 1939 with both a bachelor's and master's degree from Bucknell College in Lewisburg, Pa. along with her doctorates from New York University.

Lawson was also a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

She also served on many committees during her years at Eastern. Lawson organized and served as the first Illinois State President of the Charleston-Mattoon Branch of the American Association of Universities from 1944-1946.

Edson H. Taylor is the man behind Taylor Hall's name.

He's originally from Crawford County and attended college at Harvard. He came to Eastern in 1899 after working as vice principal at Palestine High School to take his seat as part of Eastern's original faculty members.

Taylor was the head of the math department.

He was Eastern's president from May through October in 1933. He

retired after 45 years of service to Eastern and passed away in the summer of 1958. His portrait was dedicated to Taylor in 1966 after the building's creation.

Taylor was a man who was described as one "who never stopped growing intellectually."

Senior accounting major Jon Hauser is a Resident Assistant at Taylor, and he feels Taylor has the widest range of diversity, including kids of all ages.

Taylor is a co-ed residence hall capable of accommodating 630 students. It was built in 1966 and, at first, did not allow girls to live there. It used to be called the "Thomas Hall Mate" and was lovingly nicknamed the "college zoo."

Eastern's housing office decided to make it co-ed in 1971 "to tame the hall and make it more livable," according to a 1971 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

"I think it's a great place to live," said Jenny Eakley, a sophomore secondary education major, worker and resident of Taylor.

She likes the central location on the south quad, a dining service attached and the nice mix of ages among students living in the hall.

Brandy Swist, a junior political science major, enjoys the social aspects the hall offers.

Kohanzo said both Taylor and Lawson Halls were built around the time the baby boom generation was about to come in, as Eastern's population continued to grow.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taylor Hall, the South Quad's only coed residence, is capable of housing 630 students.

## Thomas, Andrews halls offer single-sex living with options

By Evan Hill  
STAFF WRITER

Thomas and Andrews residence halls are located on the east side of the south quad and are joined by Thomas dining center. However different these two halls are, they share more than just a dining center.

Thomas Hall was named after Simeon E. Thomas, who was employed by Livingston C. Lord as head and sole member of the social science department. The hall was completed and dedicated in 1963 and remains an all-male dormitory capable of housing 400 students between its two four-story towers.

Students residing in Thomas have a variety of housing options. There are both smoking and non-smoking floors, 24-hour visitation, access to Thomas dining center and a recently built convenience center.

On the other side of the Thomas dining center lies Andrews Hall. When it was constructed in 1964, Andrews Hall became the first high-rise building to be built on the campus. Andrews Hall was named after Franklyn L. Andrews of the English department and an advisor for both the newspaper and the yearbook.

With a capacity of 500 students, Andrews Hall is a location of constant activity yet possesses quiet areas conducive for studying. It is an all-female hall with restricted visiting hours during weekdays. Various activities are available for residents, including floor committees and the Andrews Hall



DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thomas Hall, an all-male residence in the South Quad, is named after former social science department chair Simeon E. Thomas. The building, erected in 1963, is home to smoking and non-smoking floors and a dining center.

Council. Andrews Hall also participates in Eastern's annual Homecoming celebration.

Most residents of these two halls are satisfied with their housing arrangements, according to the recently published Residence Hall Satisfaction Survey, which was conducted by the Residence Hall Association.

"I like Andrews better than any other hall," said Alexis Jackson, a freshman early childhood major and

Andrews resident.

One positive thing students said about Thomas and Andrews Halls during interviews was the friendly staff at both halls.

Ben Hopps, a freshman psychology major, said the food at Thomas dining center is nutritious and dependable, but also monotonous.

The newly added Thomas convenience center has received good reviews from many students.

raising room costs to fund new movable furniture."

However, some residents, such as Hopps, point out places where improvements can be made.

"The cleanliness in Thomas leaves much to be desired. It smells in the hallways, in the stairwells and in the bathrooms," he said.

Hopps' opinion does not represent the majority though; 95 percent of students polled "feel the public areas and bathrooms are kept clean by the BSW staff," according to the Residence Hall Satisfaction Survey.

Noisy neighbors was also a concern expressed by several students.

This concern is alleviated by the presence of a quiet lifestyle floor in the south tower of Thomas Hall. Andrews however, does not have any quiet lifestyle floors.

The Residence Hall Satisfaction Survey also pointed out many improvements to the works for different resident halls across campus. The improvements affecting Thomas Hall include the replacement of the fixed furniture with movable furniture on several floors. Plans are being discussed to update the Thomas dining center.

Improvements for Andrews Hall scheduled for 2003 include new stoves in the floor kitchenettes and to finish painting student rooms.

The RHA, now armed with new student input, will continue the ongoing process of improving the college experience for students who choose to live on campus.

There were varying opinions on the actual rooms though. Some students stated the furniture, which is the same in both halls, was space-efficient. Others, however, felt the immovable bolster and desk combo wasted more space than it saved and limited their options when it came to configuring their rooms.

According to the Residence Hall Satisfaction Survey, 61 percent of students polled were "in favor of







# Ex-State Department counterterrorism official to head transition in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration has chosen L. Paul Bremer, a former head of the State Department's counterterrorism office, to become civilian administrator in Iraq and oversee the country's transition to democratic rule.

Bremer's selection, disclosed Wednesday by a senior U.S. official, will put him in charge of a transition team that includes retired Army Lt. Gen. Jay Garner and Zalmay Khalilzad, the special White House envoy in the Persian Gulf region.

Bremer left the State Department, where he was an assistant to former secretaries William P. Rogers and Henry Kissinger, to join Kissinger Associates, a consulting firm studied with both Democrats and Republicans that held top U.S. government posts. Currently, Bremer serves as chairman and chief executive of Marsh Crisis Consulting company.

Overseeing the transition from rule by Saddam Hussein to Iraqi opponents of the deposed president is a tricky assignment in which the Bush administration is playing an aggressive role while also declaring it is up to a wide



diversity of Iraqi groups to choose a new government.

Newsweek first reported

Bremer's selection on its Web site Wednesday. The report was confirmed by a senior U.S. official who declined otherwise to be identified.

The opposition groups have held two meetings and after a third one are expected to begin the process of transition at a conference of all contending forces. Secretary of State Colin Powell assured Congress this week that while the United States was playing a major role in Baghdad it seeks to turn over control of the country to Iraqis as soon as possible.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, meanwhile, has warned that the Bush administration would not permit an Iran-style Muslim fundamentalist government take charge in Baghdad.

For his part, Powell has said there is no reason to rule out a government rooted in the Muslim religion, citing Turkey and Pakistan as examples of democracies coexisting with the religion.

# Blagojevich lobbies for federal money

WASHINGTON (AP) - Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley complained to lawmakers Wednesday that Illinois is being shortchanged on a host of funding issues ranging from Medicaid to transportation.

"The fact is, Illinois is a donor state," Blagojevich said after a meeting with Illinois' congressional delegation. "For every dollar that we send to the federal government, 77 cents comes back to our state."

Among the needs the Democratic governor and mayor cited were increased federal support for infrastructure, so schools can be built, bridges repaired and highways improved and mass transit expanded.

"That puts people back to work very, very quickly," Daley said.

Of particular concern right now is how Illinois will fare under a new six-year surface transportation funding bill that is being negotiated on Capitol Hill.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., expressed confidence that the Illinois delegation will be able to boost the state's share under the formula that determines how most of the money in the federal



highway trust fund is shared among the states.

"I think the most

important thing is to make sure that we get our money back in the formula," Hastert said.

At stake, potentially, are hundreds of millions of dollars in spending on highways and bridges beyond what Illinois has received under the last six-year funding measure. Since 1998, Illinois has received 92 cents for every \$1 it contributes in highway user fees.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said that Illinois is well-positioned to improve the formula, with Hastert leading the House and Chicago Rep. Bill Lipinski being a senior Democrat on the House Transportation Committee.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., agreed.

"Illinois is in a very strong position right now," he said. "I suspect Illinois is going to do very well."

On a pessimistic note, Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., who recently announced he would not

seek re-election in 2004, acknowledged that his position as a retiring senator will make it harder for him to win support from fellow GOP senators for a formula change favorable to Illinois. Previously, he had argued the Republicans would go out of their way to help give him an advantage for an expected hard-fought campaign.

"Certainly, there's no longer any political advantage," he said.

Blagojevich also pressed to have Congress improve Illinois' funding formula for Medicaid, whereby Illinois is now among those states that only receives a 50 percent federal match for Medicaid services provided by the state. Raising the federal match to 55 percent would result in about a \$430 million increase in state revenue.

"We have 4.6 percent of the Medicaid population nationwide," he said. "Yet we receive only 3.6 percent of the federal funds."

Hastert suggested it might prove politically difficult to improve Illinois' situation.

"We have to step on toes of states that have better formulas to be able to do it," he said.

## Changes:

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"He's going to have a whole new perspective," Flam said in advocating Walsh. "Think outside the box for a second, and think Walsh."

"This guy's an eagle," incom-

ing student vice president for business affairs Larry Ward said of Walsh. "He's a leader; just give him a nest."

Incoming Student Body President Caleb Judy described Walsh as a leader.

"We've kind of grown up together," Judy said, referring to their shared experiences in

Thomas Hall Council. "I know I can work with Mike Walsh. I've done it before."

After the vote totals were counted, outgoing Student Body President Alison Mormino offered the speaker's chair to Walsh, and said "You're up to bat."

Walsh replied, "Giddyup."

## Proud:

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accomplishments show, Davidson said.

Senate member Kyle Donash was applauded for his efforts for heading a committee to resolve the homecoming situation.

Davidson told senate members they can all achieve their goals if they work together.

Davidson, in closing, applauded the senate for their outstanding efforts.

"These are great accomplishments, and we should be proud," he said.

## Budget:

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to trim administrative bloat or excess.

Speech communication professor Joe Heumann said getting rid of the bloat would be counterproductive because the cuts are ultimately in the hands of administrators.

"They are not going to cut anything but the necessary services to students," said Heumann, who gave increased class sizes and less faculty as examples.

However, interim President Lou Hencken previously said the university would take the necessary steps to avoid decreasing academic quality. A selective job-hiring freeze is in place for non-faculty members, Hencken said, but he admitted retiring faculty would most likely not be replaced.

And much is dependent on the final budget decisions. Until then, Charles Delman, UPI chapter vice president and mathematics professor, said his UPI sources in Springfield say it's "too early to draw conclusions."

English professor David Carpenter said the Republicans, especially former Gov. George Ryan, are mainly at fault because they held the governor's office since 1973.

"Now we're faced with a huge deficit," Carpenter said. "And education takes a hit unfortunately because, after all, education is Illinois' future in a real substantive way."

Radavich said although most people are frustrated, Blagojevich has not defended higher education more aggressively, some faculty support the cuts because it means luxurious trustee benefits, or the administrative bloat the governor had previously discussed.

But that dollar figure is not immense enough to topple Eastern's budget woes, as the university will probably look to make ends meet by raising tuition. Faculty members such as associate chemistry professor Barbara Lawrence would like to see taxes cut.

However, Tom Schafer, a spokesman for the governor, said a recent general commission poll showed 84 percent agreed with Blagojevich's current plan that places an emphasis on public safety, health care and education without raising state income or sales taxes.

Carpenter said: "(Blagojevich) can't as easily cut money from health services from senior citizen services (as higher education). So yeah, the effects of the cuts in education are not as immediate or blatantly apparent if he were to cut from social services."

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- 19 Trees and such
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- 22 Bagasse base, maybe
- 24 Rock's Cream, e.g.
- 27 Rambo-esque
- 31 Callus sites
- 34 -Magnon
- 36 Cold weather quarters
- 37 English painter John
- 38 Blocks of time
- 39 Line from "The Student Prince"
- 42 Knock down
- 43 Way back when
- 44 Longines rival
- 45 "Uh-huh"
- 46 All-encompassing
- 47 Also-ran in 2000
- 48 Some art design, informally
- 50 \_\_\_ Brasi (Corleone hood)
- 52 Grease, briefly
- 55 Surprise fare
- 60 Turning red, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Largemouth or smallmouth
- 2 Cad in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"
- 3 Zero
- 4 Abbr. on an order
- 5 Memoranda keeper
- 6 In advance of, in poems
- 7 Bit
- 8 "Too bad!"
- 9 She met Rick in Paris
- 10 Chases
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- 28 "We've got a deal!"
- 29 Hot as a pistol, say
- 30 What taxis do
- 32 Like taxis at a hotel, maybe
- 33 Comics cry
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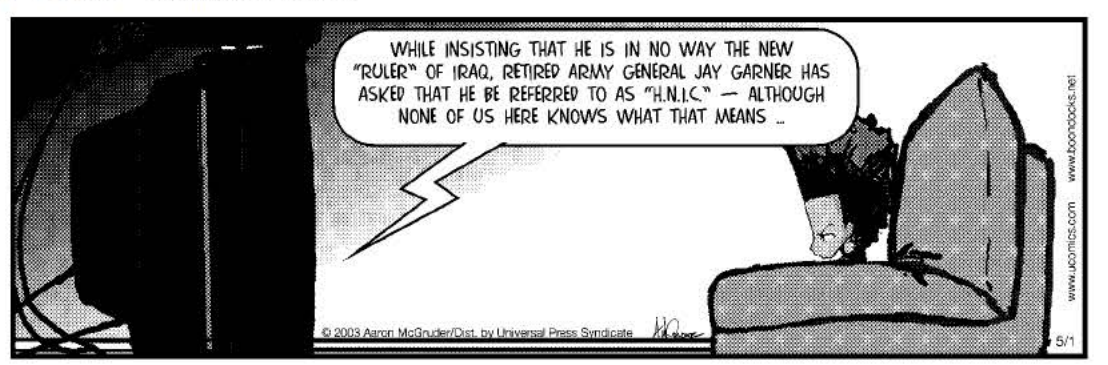
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**Domercant:**

**Senior guard has hopes of playing in the NBA**

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Domercant shows nothing but gratitude for those fans. He'd like to build them a statue.

"It's great that they regard me so highly," Domercant said. "And I've felt very honored and blessed to have their support."

While Lantz Arena remains quiet for the off-season, Domercant can't stop going there. Local lore says Oh Henry takes 500 shots at 8 a.m., another 500 at practices and a few hundred more after practice.

"I don't know if it's that many," Domercant said while flashing another smirk.

Domercant began the grueling routine at midnight and developed gym rat pack.

"When I started I was by myself, but we had a few come in the morning, and we had a 'night club,'" Domercant said. "We said we'd shoot the lights out because we were at the rec until they turned the lights out on us."

The tireless training paid off and Domercant ranks among NCAA's upper echelon of players. He, Larry Bird and Pete Marovich are the only three to be ranked in the nation's top five scoring list for three years.

But before then, the fanfare wasn't as loud. Domercant didn't have a breakout year at Naperville North during his junior year, but caught the attention of Eastern, and he signed. During his senior year at North, he led the Chicago area in scoring and drew attention from schools in the Southeastern Conference. He said he doesn't regret his early signing.

"I figure God wanted me at Eastern for a reason," said Domercant, who wore shoes with the words, "For God's glory" written on them with a Sharpie marker while he played.

Despite a strong showing in a camp at Portsmouth, Va., national analysts aren't all smiles about his future.

Critics say Oh-no to Henry because he didn't create enough of his own shots during the course of the season, and the market for a 6-foot-4 power forward is narrowing by the minute in what has become a big man's NBA.

Domercant can smile at his detractors too. "That was just the nature of our offense - I didn't have to go make my own shots," he said.

"I feel that when it's time to show I can do that, I'll have the utmost confidence that I can create my own shot."

*"His work ethic is the biggest thing, and I think it has inspired a lot of his teammates."*

—Jesse Mackinson

Many prognosticators, including his teammate, junior forward Jesse Mackinson, said Domercant would be a middle-to-late second round draft pick.

"His work ethic is the biggest thing, and I think it has inspired a lot of his teammates," Mackinson said.

Domercant said he has narrowed his agent search to two candidates and he'd make a final decision by the week's end.

He could go the way of former teammate Kyle Hill, who was picked in the second round (44th overall) of the 2001 NBA draft by the Dallas Mavericks. Hill plays in a France league, where he was named the league's most valuable player.

While Domercant isn't in a hurry to learn a new language, he said he could see himself playing overseas.

"Kyle doesn't speak French, so I know that would be tough," Domercant said. "But Europe is definitely plan B."

The lack of credit Domercant receives nationally bothers Samuels.

"The people who didn't come out on a nightly basis have definitely missed something," Samuels said. "They've missed the consistency and good sportsmanship each night."

If it all falls away and Domercant wakes up tomorrow with knees swollen to the size of Coles County, he has a backup plan.

"I'm really into music, so I'd like to do something with that," he said. "I'm into hip-hop and I write poetry."

Samuels and many close to Domercant could see plan C come to life. Domercant has a Yogi Berra-like list of sayings at the ready and was dubbed a "Zen master" by a local media outlet. But Oh Henry said the Zen stops here and will always play "for God's glory."

"I had a high school coach who gave us a quote every week, and I just remembered them all," Domercant said. "I carry all of that with me."

Samuels said Oh Henry's willingness to be "one with the rims" could carry the stuff movies are made of.

"Henry will be successful in anything he decides to pursue whether it be the business world or whatever," Samuels said. "In fact, we may see Henry in Hollywood some day."

**Taake:**

**Senior flanker comes from family full of competitive athletes**

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"She is what we would call the perfect flanker," Graziano said. "She's strong, she's very athletic and she's very fit."

Despite being "the perfect flanker," Taake struggled with the position at the beginning of her career at Eastern.

"Before she figured out how to play the position, before her sophomore year, she would wear herself out," Graziano said. "Now she understands the game so well."

"It would be frustrating because no one really knows what rugby is," Taake said. "I was still learning, especially my freshman year."

One thing Taake didn't worry about when she started playing rugby was the game's reputation for being extremely physical.

"It didn't really scare me, and I thought it would be pretty neat," Taake said.

Taake has developed a reputation for playing so hard she actually hurts her own teammates.

"Katie is more known for hurting her own teammates, so I was more worried about the other kids," Taake's mother Terri said.

"She was kind of famous for hurting the other girls on her high school basketball team."

Graziano said it is not a matter of Taake trying to hurt other players but of always playing at full speed.

"The best way to describe Kate is she has only one speed and she only plays at full speed at all times,"

Graziano said. "The problem is Kate doesn't know her own strength."

Graziano said Taake hurts her teammates in practice because they are not prepared for her when they are going at half speed, and Taake is at full speed.

Despite her propensity for injuring others, Taake has been able to avoid major injuries herself.

Graziano said Taake has played in every minute of every game since her sophomore year in the fall of 2000.

"I don't think there is probably anybody on the team that can actually take claim to that (not missing a minute in three years)," Graziano said.

On April 6, in a match against the University of Illinois, Taake felt some of the pain she normally dishes out when somebody cleated her in the face. Taake stayed in the game even though her eye was swollen shut.

"My parents were at the game when I got cleated," Taake said. "After the game, instead of saying, 'Hey, check that out,' they took a picture so they could show it to people."

Being tough was just part of growing up in a family of six children all who actively participated in sports.

"Growing up we had a no blood, no sympathy rule," Terri Taake said.

It seems the only thing capable of stopping Taake from playing rugby is graduation. Lucky for Graziano, Taake has another year of eligibility remaining because she missed the rugby season her freshman year.

Taake said she doesn't know what she plans to do after she graduates. She is a social science major with a minor in chemistry, but she is also working toward getting certified in physical fitness training.

"I really like school," Taake said. "I might very well stay in school after I get my bachelors."

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BASEBALL

# Panthers' comeback attempt falls short

By Michael Gilbert  
SPORTS REPORTER

In a game in which both starting pitchers struggled and the bullpen's dominated, the Saint Louis Billikens defeated Eastern at Coaches' Stadium 7-5.

Kirk Miller took the mound for the Panthers and before the freshman knew what hit him, he was in immediate trouble.

The left-hander gave up a lead-off double to Billikin second baseman Jake Friederich but that was only the beginning. Miller was able to get the next two batters out before surrendering an RBI single toward left-field to third baseman Don Rogers.

After a wild-pitch, advancing Rogers to second, and a walk to designated hitter Corey Lawson, left-fielder Johnny Sweeney got a hold of Miller's offering for a run-scoring single to put the Billikens up 2-0 before the Panthers stepped to the plate.

Saint Louis kept the pressure on Miller in the top of the second with the last third of the lineup causing a majority of the damage.

Miller began the inning by hitting the eighth-spot hitter Eric Mueller, and the

errant pitch immediately caused problems. Junior center fielder Kyle Wort, a career .247 hitter, came to the plate and sent Miller's pitch over the left-field fence for a two-run homer. The Billikens added another run when Rogers singled off Miller to allow first baseman Ryan Murphy to cross the plate.

The Panthers found themselves down 5-0 in the bottom of the second before starting a rally against freshman pitcher Zach Placzek.

Aaron Shelbourne led off the second and ripped his 12th home run of the year to left-field. After a pair of walks and a single, third baseman Jeff Cammann stepped into the box with the bases full of Panthers. The Boise, Idaho, native sent Placzek to the showers when he laced Placzek's pitch down the left field line to score Nolan Cork and Danny Jordan.

Sophomore Kurt Struckhoff replaced Placzek, but Panther second baseman Chris Uhle greeted the right-hander rudely with an RBI single to cut the lead to 5-4.

The Panthers had a golden opportunity to tie or go ahead, but Struckhoff induced

shortstop Kyle Haines to ground into a inning-ending double play.

In the fourth inning, the Billikens added to their lead in an auspicious way. After Friederich grounded out to short, Miller gave up a one-out walk to shortstop Aaron Thompson. A wild pitch sent Thompson to second and a ground ball to first moved him over to third with two down. With Rogers batting with a 2-1 count, umpire John Johnston called a balk on Miller and awarded home plate to Thompson.

The Panthers got the run back in the fifth as Uhle started the inning with a triple and Haines brought in his double play partner with a single to right, cutting the lead 6-5.

Saint Louis added a big insurance run off Micah Gray in the seventh when a mis-played single by right fielder Eugene Oliver allowed Rogers to reach third on the two-base error.

Lawson proceeded to put the Billikens up by two when he singled home Rogers. Unfortunately for the Panthers, they would only muster one hit over the final three innings and never posed a threat to the Billikens.

Eastern manager Jim Schmitz noted the Panthers falling behind early and the inability to make changes with the wind blowing in as the main reason they fell to 21-21 overall.

"We dug ourselves a hole by giving up five runs in the first two innings," Schmitz said. "With the wind blowing in today, we didn't make adjustments. We were still playing like it was Saturday when we hit 12 home runs and the wind was blowing out."

The Panthers' skipper disapproved the team's lack out of patience at the plate causing them to swing at pitches out of the strike zone.

"We swung at too many high pitches today," Schmitz said. "I'm disappointed in the offense."

While the Panthers offense may have failed the team today, their bullpen of Gray, Jason Pinnell and Andy Kuntz allowed only one run over the final five and 1/3 innings. Schmitz was pleased with the bullpen, especially Pinnell and Kuntz.

"We needed to get some guys in there like Pinnell, and Kuntz. (They are) going to be important to this team," Schmitz said.

OVC SOFTBALL

# Title still up for grabs entering final stretch

By Jamie Hussey  
STAFF WRITER

As the Ohio Valley Conference softball teams play their remaining games of the regular season with one week left until the OVC tournament, it is still open for anyone to win.

University of Tennessee-Martin (21-26, 12-8) head coach Donley Canary said whoever is playing well will win the tournament. UTM is currently ranked third in the OVC.

"There are several teams capable of winning the tournament," Canary said.

The Panthers are going into the final week with junior infielder Kristin Lovering receiving the honor of OVC Player of the Week. Lovering received the honor for her offense as she helped Eastern defeat Austin Peay in two out of three games over last weekend.

Lovering hit three home runs, a double and had six RBIs. Eastern is ranked sixth in the OVC with a record of 11-30, 6-11. Eastern has a three-game series against Morehead State (7-31-1, 4-13) in Morehead, Ky., over the weekend.

Morehead State needs to take all three

games against Eastern if it wants to get a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

An Eastern win the previous weekend against Austin Peay and Morehead's three-game loss against No. 1 ranked Tennessee Tech (38-14, 17-3) put Morehead State's hopes of an OVC spot in the tourney almost out of reach.

This is the fourth year the final game has become the deciding factor for whether the Eagles will be in the OVC tournament. Morehead is going into the weekend ranked seventh.

Tennessee Tech has already claimed the regular season title despite splitting with Austin Peay April 30. Austin Peay is ranked fifth with a record of 19-28, 9-10.

The second ranked team is Eastern Kentucky University (25-15, 11-6).

Head coach Jane Worthington of ECU said the OVC tournament is going to be very interesting and exciting.

"Tennessee Tech is the favorite, but any of the teams can beat anyone else, the six can beat the one and five can beat two and so on," Worthington said. "I think it is pretty wide open."

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## The Daily Eastern News' **ATHLETES OF THE YEAR** *Lights, camera, Oh Henry*

### Close, but no cigar

◆ *Editors note: Here's a list of athletes who didn't quite make the cut for Athlete of the Year*

#### Jason Thompson - soccer

Thompson led the team with 14 goals and four assists, taking the Panthers to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. He was selected in the second round of the Major League Soccer draft by the Dallas Burn.

#### Tony Romo - football

The 2002 Walter Payton Award winner threw for 2,648 yards and 31 touchdowns. Romo also won the OVC Offensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

#### Kirk Walters - baseball

The senior right fielder leads the Panthers in hitting with a .381 average. He has a perfect fielding percentage, 10 home runs, 41 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .647.

#### Josh Kercheval - swimming

He won 22 individual events during 10 regular season meets. The senior was the Midwest champion in the 200 IM (1:55.28). He also was a member of the school record-setting 200 and 400 free relay teams.

#### Kyle O'Brien - track, x-country

The Danville native was named Ohio Valley Conference runner of the year after winning the individual championship. O'Brien was named OVC Top Performer in the 8,000-meter run.

◆ *Samuels: Henry Domercant has the ability and desire to do anything*

By Nate Bloomquist  
SENIOR WRITER

Fans don't need a scorebook to tell when Henry Domercant is playing a great game.

When that happens, Domercant flashes a smile the size of Naperville, his hometown and the state's third largest city.

Win or lose, Domercant's the cool guy in the gym. He'll flash a grin visible to those sitting behind the giant video screens in Lantz.

He carries a smile Miss America's sister, Alexandra Harold, couldn't resist. The pair has dated for more than two years.

"I saw her there on the volleyball team one day, and I thought, 'Wow,'" Domercant said. "So I went up to her and worked a little of my magic, and through patience and persistence, it worked."

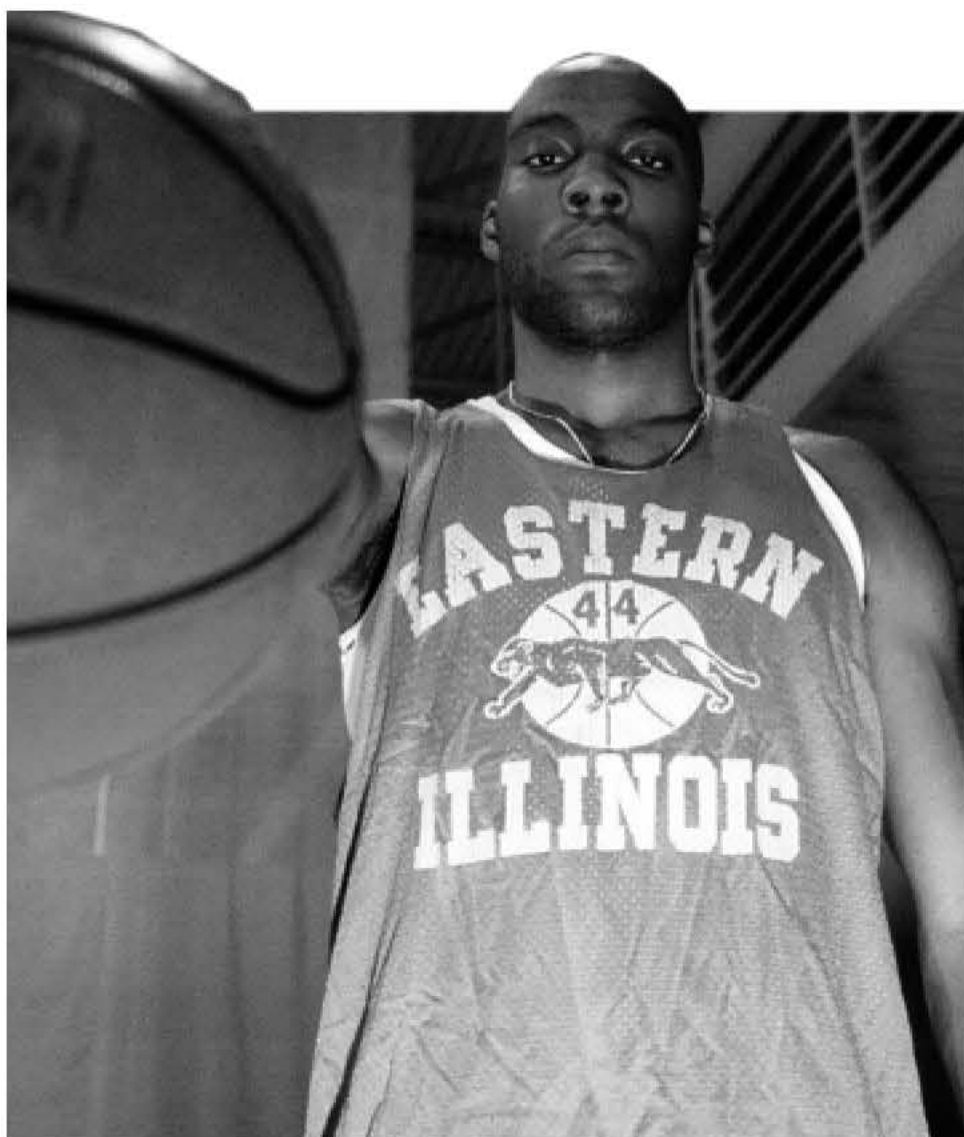
Domercant has another accomplishment to smile about - he's this year's *Daily Eastern News* Male Athlete of the Year.

But Domercant can't stop smiling and he has given Panthers fans plenty to beam about.

"I truly believe with Henry that we have a hero in our midst," said Panther head coach Rick Samuels, who also said he would shed a tear after Oh Henry played his last home game. "Henry is special. His charisma is special and everything else about him is just special."

Panther fans still smile about the night he dropped 46 points on Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn. They can't stop talking about how he held his own against Illinois, Florida and Marquette this year. Fans longed for the next time he would hit a three-pointer so T-shirts and O'Henry candy bars could be launched their way. Fans carry nothing but awe when they talk about how he beat Jay Taylor's school record for points scored before his senior season's halfway mark.

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## *Taake-ing it all in*



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

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#### Kristen Becker - softball

Opponents are batting .240 against the senior pitcher. In 25 starts, the senior compiled a 9-15 record with a 2.30 ERA. Becker has pitched in 164.2 innings, striking out 92 and walking only 30.

#### Cara Lemaster - soccer

The senior forward tied for the team lead in goals, with nine and added seven assists during the fall. LeMaster started all 22 games for the Panthers and earned third team All-Great Lakes honors.

#### Beth Liesen - soccer

The junior forward had nine goals and eight assists to lead the Panthers in scoring during the fall. Liesen started all 22 games for Eastern and received First Team All-Conference and Academic All-District honors.

#### Jordan Sherbrooke - swimming

The junior was named female swimmer of the Midwest Classic finale. Sherbrooke led the Panthers to the team championship in the Midwest Classic and won at least one event in each meet she competed in this spring.

#### Alicia Harris - track

The sophomore sprinter achieved the best individual time for the 60, 200 and 400 meters. During the season, Harris broke the school record in the 60, 200 (four times) and 400 (three times).

◆ *Katie Taake leads the women's rugby team while still learning the game*

By Matt Meinheit  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

When senior flanker Katie Taake came to Eastern she didn't know how to play rugby, but she learned and has two team most valuable player awards to her credit.

Taake said a girl on her floor in Carman Hall convinced her to come to practice one day during her freshman year.

Taake's father, Randy, said he was the one who first suggested playing rugby to his second oldest child.

"It was my idea (Katie playing rugby)," Randy Taake said. "We were up there when we dropped (Taake's older sister) Courtney off for school, and I told Katie that she should try out for that next year."

Eastern head coach Frank Graziano remembers when Taake first asked him about playing rugby.

"She showed up for a meeting and said, 'I can do that kind of stuff,' and sure enough she could," Graziano said. "It's not that very often when you can find a kid like that, that just walks into your office."

Graziano said Taake, who competed in four sports at Jerseyville Community High School, was clearly a gifted athlete, and she had the skill necessary to succeed in rugby.

"She has a pretty nice high school resume," Graziano said. "She was one of those girls or guys that was good enough to stand out on her team but didn't stand out enough to be recruited by colleges."

While Taake might have had the talent to play rugby, she still had to learn how to play a new sport.

"It took me a long time," Taake said. "I'm still learning the rules. I'm definitely still maturing as a player."

Part of learning how to play was learning how to play the demanding flanker position.

Graziano said flanker is comparable to a midfielder in soccer because that player has to play defense and offense at the same time.

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