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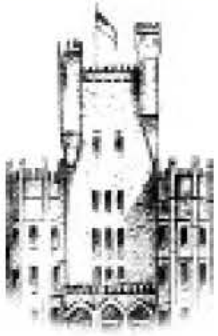
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Awaiting Ryan's address

Administration seeks insight into this year's budget this afternoon when governor speaks

By Jamie Fetty
Administration editor

This Wednesday Governor George Ryan will break the silence about state budget problems, delivering the State of the Budget Address and potentially revealing whether cuts to Eastern's budget will only happen this year or come out of its base funding.

Ryan asked all the state's public universities to return a total of \$25 million last winter and Eastern's share of that was \$624,000. In January, the governor requested another \$45 million to cover group insurance, which brought Eastern's total cut to \$2.3 million.

Eastern's administration developed a plan to come up with the money, but most of the savings will only be available one time. About \$260,000 comes from utility savings acquired by lowered heat in campus buildings by two degrees and some water savings. Eastern also put off \$300,000 worth of deferred maintenance and drained equipment reserve budgets, for a saving of \$800,000.

In addition, all four vice presidents are leaving open some vacant positions in their areas, and some are saving on sick leave payouts due to a drop in retirements.

Eastern and most other state agencies impacted by the state's budget problems have been holding off on further planning until Ryan's address.

The possibility of a base budget cut, which could severely impact Eastern, is still unsure. A 5.4 percent increase in next year's budget and money for campus capital improvement projects, both approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, hinge on the health of the state budget.

Eastern administrators who are waiting to develop strategies will be watching the address carefully.

"We don't know what to expect," said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs. "What we do know is that various legislative staff have said that ... fiscal year 2003 will be a 'difficult' year."

What "difficult" means is what Eastern will be listening to find out, Lord said.

It won't be easy to tell right away how Eastern will be impacted, Lord said, since it will probably only be referred to under the umbrella term of "higher education." The state's realm of higher education includes Eastern, 11 other universities and numerous community colleges.

Landlords agree to inspections



Colin McAuliffe/Associate photo editor

Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill talks to students, faculty and Charleston residents about the Fourth Street lights that are up near Stevenson Hall Tuesday evening in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Mayor says cooperation has been key in voluntary property checks

By Leslie O'Neil
Staff writer

Several Charleston landlords have readily agreed to have their properties inspected over spring break, Mayor Dan Cougill said at Thursday's External Relations Committee meeting Tuesday night.

"There are some really good landlords in Charleston," Cougill

said, noting how cooperative they have been about the inspections.

The city tried to pass a required rental inspection ordinance last fall, but was unable to do so because of the "home rule" stipulation of the Illinois Constitution. Only cities with a population of 25,000 or more can exercise home rule, which allows cities to make their own regulations.

Cities without home rule must follow state regulations, which say cities can only enforce a law if a law for the desired rule already exists.

Since the city could not require rental inspections, Mayor Cougill has worked since November to institute voluntary rental inspections.

“There are some really good benefits for (landlords) especially if they can advertise that they've been inspected.”

Dan Cougill,
Mayor

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Colin McAuliffe/Associate photo editor

The exterior work in the South Quad is done but fencing stays up until workers can wait for warmer weather to plant grass.

Quad construction work nearly done

By Maura Possley
Campus editor

Digging has stopped in the South Quad and students will soon travel campus without tall fences lining the walkway once warmer weather sets in.

Workers finished the exterior work of the installation of the chilled water loop project in the beginning of February. That date was ahead of schedule from the planned completion date of Feb. 22, Carol Strode, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management, said Tuesday.

The chilled water loop is part of the campus-wide energy conservation project and Strode said once the weather is warmer workers will begin to "grade" the South Quad ground to smooth it and make it level, which will improve drainage in that area and make it one step closer to completion.

In addition, all ditches will be covered, grass seed will be planted and the ground will be covered with straw to keep continual moisture on the new lawn. However, Strode said all of the finishing touches to the South Quad are "weather dependent."

Strode said the work left to complete the water loop is being done inside in the "one to several" mechanical equipment rooms in each campus building. The equipment rooms will control heating, air conditioning and ventilation of the new energy conservation system.

Strode said the entire water loop project will be completed by April and ready for use in time for air conditioning season.

The chilled water loop works as one air conditioning unit that controls air

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Nigerian tea

Alex Iwana, a professor of linguistics in Nigeria, came to Eastern to talk to students and faculty about Nigeria and its history as part of the International Tea program. Iwana also took questions from the audience Tuesday afternoon in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Do you get angry or sad?

Workshop to help better understand the other sex held today

By Sarah Freeman
 Staff writer

Students can learn how to communicate better with the opposite sex through a workshop Wednesday.

"Boys Get Angry, Girls Get Sad," sponsored by Eastern's Counseling Center, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sandy Cox, a member of of the Counseling Center faculty, will be the keynote speaker.

During the workshop, topics

such as how boys and girls are raised and the differences between the two will be discussed, Cox said.

The differences in the way males and females behave and the way they express their emotions through body language are also topics that Cox will discuss.

Students can also learn more about their own communication styles.

Cox said some males may have more female characteristics when it comes to communication and vice-versa.

"We will talk about how we

can use that information to make communication between the two sexes better," she said.

Cox also said the workshop will be "very interactive" and everyone in attendance will participate.

Some students may be wondering if the workshop would be beneficial to them, even if they are not in a relationship with someone from the opposite sex.

"Communication is a problem for everybody," Cox stated. "I think this workshop would be interesting to anyone."

The workshop is free and open to the public.

New play will begin today

By Kimberlee Boise
 Staff writer

Eastern's theater department will perform "Master Harold and the Boys" as the first play in its "Talk Back" series Wednesday through Sunday at the Main Stage Theater.

The play is about a 17-year-old boy named Harold in South Africa. The focus of the play is the boy growing up with two black men and how he is pressured into fitting the mold of prejudice that the white world has toward his friends.

The play, directed by Clarence

Blanchette, theater arts professor, will feature actors Aaron Lawson, Andrew Reaves and Marcus Hendricks.

"It's a good show. If you are going to see it for a class, you will be pleasantly surprised," Lawson, who is playing Mr. Harold, said.

"It's a very good story," he said.

As part of the "Talk Back" series there will be an informal discussion on topics relating to the play after its performance.

The talk back for "Master Harold and the Boys" will feature Roger Beck, a history professor, and

Christopher Mitchell, an assistant theater professor, and will discuss the play's author, Athol Fugard, and the question of apartheid in South Africa.

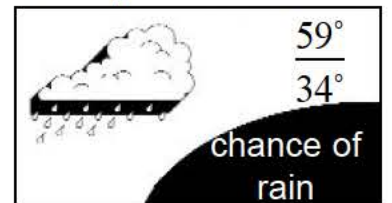
Tickets are on sale now in the Theater Box office. For ticket information, call 581-3110.

Admission for adults is \$8 and for university staff it is \$6. Student admission is \$3.50 with a Panther Card and theater majors can enter the play for \$2.50.

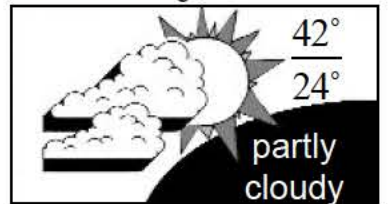
The play will run Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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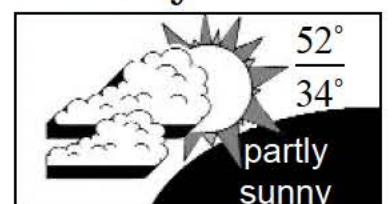
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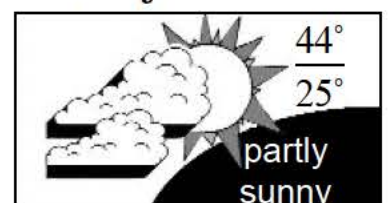
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Correction

■ An article in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News incorrectly stated that Daniel Innis is the second of the four candidate's to visit campus for the open dean position in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Innis is the first candidate to visit campus for the interviews.

The News regrets the error.

police blotter

Alcohol violations

■ On Saturday, Satoru Avery Karrick, 20, of 921 Fox Crest, was arrested at 2 a.m. for acceptance of alcohol by a minor, police reports said.

Retail theft

■ On Friday, Nathanael D. Murphy, 20, of 911 1/2 C St., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. for retail theft at 2250 Lincoln Avenue, police reports said.

Senate debates president's group

Faculty development office also a topic of lengthy discussion

By Jamie Fetty
Administration editor

Faculty Senate members raised issues about the new President's Cabinet, a project that brings together a group of area leaders with interim President Lou Hencken to work on community concerns.

At Tuesday's meeting, senate members worried that the cabinet would act as an advisory board to Hencken about university policy. Several members also brought up a concern that, this year, all of those positions are being filled by white men.

"This group is not representative of the complexion of university," senate member David Carpenter, English professor, said.

The hope is to create a forum for exchange of ideas between the university and the Charleston-Mattoon community, an e-mail about the new cabinet from Hencken to the senate said.

The cabinet is made up of Hencken, the mayors and mayors pro tempore of Mattoon and Charleston, the director of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co., the executive director of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health, the superintendents of Mattoon and Charleston schools, the president of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, the editor of the Charleston *Times-Courier* and various city council members.

The senate came up with various ideas for other members of the committee, like representatives from the Mattoon *Journal-Gazette* the Women's Business Council, Student Senate, and Eastern's faculty, as well as one from *The Daily Eastern News*.

Others pointed out that the

president can organize countless meetings without the aid of a "cabinet" anyway, so the formation of one doesn't make much difference.

"I think this is much ado about nothing," senate member James Tidwell, journalism professor, said "The president can talk to whoever he or she wants to whenever he or she wants to."

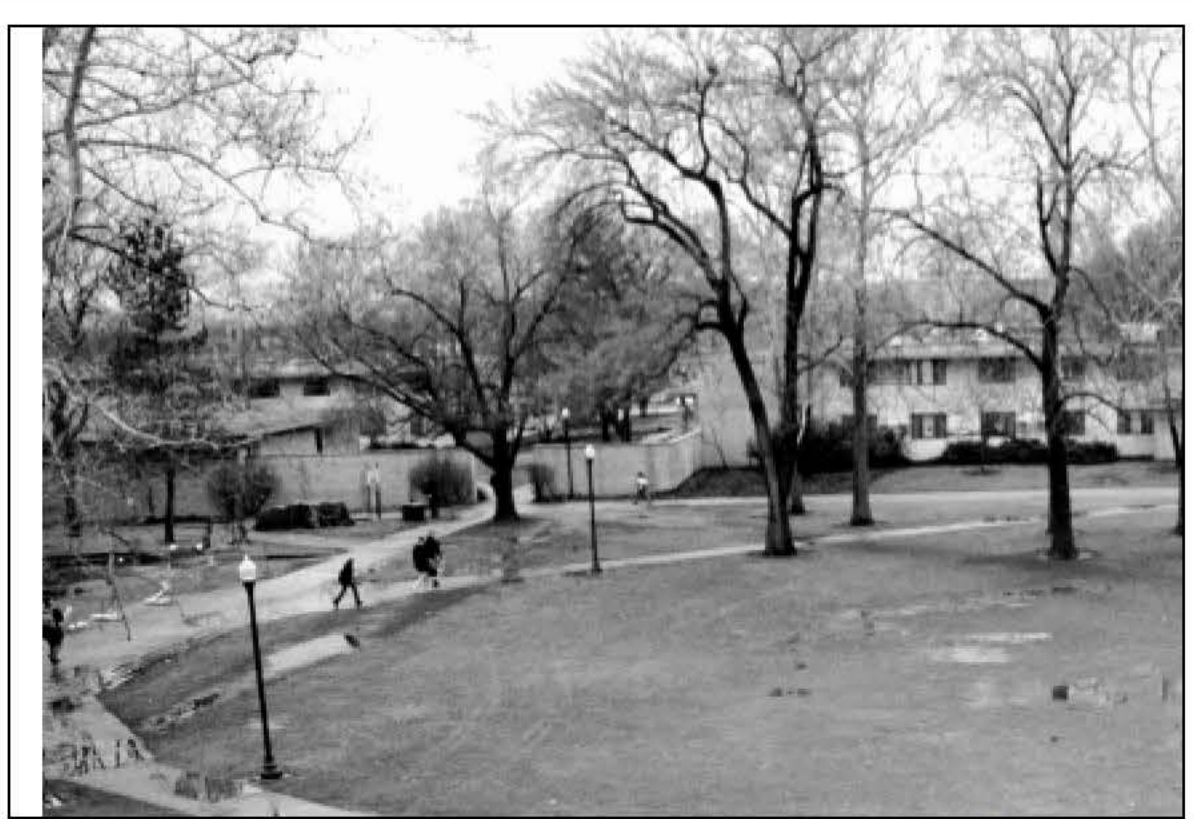
Still others felt that the Student Senate External Relations committee, which contains ex-officio members from the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charleston City Council and Eastern's faculty, staff and administration, already fills the purpose the cabinet is intended to serve.

In other business, the senate continued its review of discussion from the Spring 2002 Faculty Forum.

Senate Vice Chair Reed Benedict, distributed a list of seven suggested recommendations based on those discussions. The first would create an office of faculty development under the vice president for academic affairs with a director and clerical assistance.

This met with the same previous concerns about devoting scarce funds to what could become another bureaucracy and whether there was a need for such an office.

The senate also received a presentation from Roy Lanham, campus minister and director of the Newman Catholic Center, about the student-run Fair Trade Coffee campaign. Lanham and the group are trying to switch Eastern to coffee that is Fair Trade certified, which means that it was grown responsibly and more of the purchase price goes to the farmers in Central and South America and Africa.



Colin McAuliffe/Assoc. photo editor

Wading to class

Students walk around the water filled Library Quad Tuesday afternoon following days of persistent rain.

IBHE picks Sanders' successor

McHenry County College president takes over in May

By Scott Miller
Administration reporter

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has chosen Daniel J. LaVista, McHenry County College president, to replace Keith Sanders as its executive director.

Sanders, who has held the position for four and a half years, will retire at the end of May after giving a month of oversight to LaVista, who will assume the responsibilities of executive director on May 1.

LaVista has gained a lot of experience as president of two colleges that will help him succeed as the executive director of IBHE, Sanders said.

LaVista is "exceptionally well educated," Sanders added. "He is a man of integrity and eloquence, and I expect that he'll do a great job."

LaVista said he had been looking for an "opportunity to make a contribution to education at a higher level and working with the board at this level was very appealing."

He also mentioned his commit-

ment to making colleges to more students.

"The qualifications that I bring will be best served to help access affordability and diversity among colleges and universities," LaVista said.

Donald Sevener, IBHE director of communications, said it is clear that LaVista "has the same values and priorities that the board has for policy agenda."

Since 1997, LaVista has been president of McHenry County College where his successes included gaining a \$9.14 million state capital grant to construct a student services center and a classroom; implementing a referendum that increased tax rates going towards the college's education fund; and establishing various community outreach plans such as "Make a Difference Day" and the Biznet Business Expo.



Daniel LaVista

LaVista was also president of the College of Lake County for eight years preceding his presidency at McHenry County College. While at CLC, LaVista raised the college's foundation assets from \$40,000 to \$700,000, and planned development of a \$13.5 million performing arts center. He also managed the college through a time while its surrounding community went from a rural to largely suburban population.

LaVista was also Chancellor for the Community Colleges of Baltimore County, which was a merger of three colleges. He was vice president for academic affairs at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio and served as chair of the Illinois Community College Presidents Council.

LaVista has a Ph.D. in speech and dramatic arts from Syracuse University, a master's degree in English literature from the University of Dayton and a bachelor's in English from Siena College in New York.

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Forming a cabinet

Interim President Lou Hencken has been making much needed strides to strengthen Eastern's relationship with the Charleston community.

The new "Presidential Cabinet" met for the first time Feb. 13 to discuss the issues that confront both the university and the city. Hencken formed the

Better relations

Having a Presidential Cabinet is a good way to create bonds between the city and the university.

new organization, made up of local leaders and city officials, as a means for both sides to debate ways to better the community in general.

Such an effort is a welcome sign of Hencken's leadership abilities and his desire to better, not only Eastern, but Charleston too. The result of this initiative will undoubtedly be a positive one for students and residents, two groups commonly at odds with each other.

At last week's meeting, the members discussed rather harmless topics such as campus construction and an upcoming state-wide track meet Eastern will host. But in the future, this organization could be used as a breeding ground for new ideas on how to help Charleston's economy and work out the differences between students and residents.

This new avenue of interaction between the city and the university will ultimately bring the two closer together and allow them to work in a more efficient manner when it comes to issues that affect them both.

Charleston and Eastern may sometimes appear to live in two separate worlds, with Lincoln Avenue drawn as the dividing line between different cultures and attitudes. But in reality, the two entities are integral to each other.

At the very least, Eastern is Charleston's largest employer and contains roughly half of its population, and the city — along with any problems it might have — is a large factor in the university's ability to attract more students.

This new organization also will act as an extra defense against any future deterioration in communication between the university and the city. Problems will have a level to be worked out at before they "hit the fan."

Hencken's "Presidential Cabinet" will be a great addition to the lines of communication between the city and Eastern.

However, Hencken and the city need to use this to its fullest. Attack the hard issues. Solve the big problems. Work intensely together to make this area and the university better for all who reside in it.

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



Cheaters never prosper

Cheating can be applied to many circumstances, but in all cases, cheating hurts people.

Cheating on a test hurts cheaters because they're cheating themselves out of an education as well as hurting the rest of the students. Cheating on a significant other has its obvious repercussions. And cheating on scoring an athletic event also hurts more than one individual.

In the case of Skategate, as the controversy over originally awarding the figure skating pairs Olympic gold medal to Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze over Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier is being called, the athletes were hurt, the judge hurt her reputation and the image of skating in general was hurt.

The French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne admitted to being under pressure to judge a certain way in the figure skating pairs competition. As the allegations go, she placed the Russian pair first, so later the French would win the gold in the ice dancing competition.

The story is fuzzy and changes every now and then, and investigations are still ongoing, looking into competitions as far back as November.

The newest twist is Le Gougne claims she was pressured to vote for the Canadians but couldn't do that. In a sense, she fought the pressure and called it as she saw it, awarding the Russians the gold over the Canadians fair and square.

Give me a break!

It's nice to think if someone was expected to cheat, that individual would realize the wrongness of cheating before doing it and would therefore do the right thing instead. In this situation, however, that's a little hard to believe.

The competition was close, and it could be possible the French judge really thought the Russians earned the gold. Four other judges did. But her actions are questionable.

If another judge had been in her place, the result would have been different. Ten judges make up the judging panel in figure skating, but only nine of the scores are announced to the public and are counted.

The pairs gold medal was decided based on a 5-4 victory for the Russians. While the French judge in ques-



Michelle Jones
 Editorial page editor

"Do the right thing. It's something everyone has heard a million times, and it seems so simple."

tion gave first to the Russians, the substitute judge, Jarmila Portova of the Czech Republic, placed Sale and Pelletier above Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze.

Do the right thing. It's something everyone has heard a million times, and it seems so simple. But people make choices all the time that go against this so-called principle.

If any judge favors a competitor, that person is doing something wrong. If federations or a country pressured a judge to place competitors a certain way, they were doing something wrong.

Controversy isn't new to figure skating. Ideas of radically changing the scoring system have been floating around — ideas of using cumulative system instead of the traditional 6.0 or lower marks, of adding points for successful jumps and having more judges but not counting all of the judges' marks.

Maybe skating scoring does need to be re-evaluated, and some of these ideas really could work better than the scoring system now, but would any solution really solve the problem? The real problem is ethics. The real problem is people don't always choose right over wrong.

In an ideal world, people wouldn't cheat and controversy wouldn't exist. In an ideal world, Sale and Pelletier might have been awarded the gold medal six days before they did.

But also, cheaters never prosper. The International Skating Union said Le Gougne was suspended indefinitely for misconduct after she acknowledged she was pressured to vote for Russian pair.

And sometimes things do work out for the best. Sale and Pelletier got their gold medal and won the affection of all who saw them skate.

It's just sad they had to go through the scandal, and it's sad for figure skating. Skategate gave skating more of a negative image. If it happens once, it could happen again, and it may not end happily then.

As Pelletier was quoted as saying in Monday's edition of the *USA Today*, "The case is solved for us. The case is not solved for skating."

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Candidate views Eastern as his next challenge

By Jessica Danielewicz
Staff editor

Daniel Innis, candidate for the open dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences position, was asked Thursday how his experience would transfer to Eastern.

Innis, currently the associate dean of the College of Business at Ohio University, was the first of four candidates to visit Eastern for a three-day sequence of interviews with various members of the campus community. His stay on campus concluded with an open meeting for faculty and other interested parties followed by an exit interview with the search committee.

Innis has held his current job since 1999 and said his next position will be permanent.

"I don't jump around from place to place," he said.

The Lumpkin College of

Business and Applied Sciences includes the School of Technology, departments of family and consumer sciences, and military sciences in addition to the School of Business. Innis admitted he did not have experiences in those other areas, as well as the teacher preparation aspect.

As associate dean of the College of Business at Ohio University, located in Athens, Ohio, Innis said his duties vary each day. The dean of that college works with external relations, while "I do everything internal," he said.

Internal duties include the budget, work related to academics, assessment and working with the staff.

"It's a lot to do," he said. "But we have a great staff."

Part of the reason Innis is seeking a new position is his challenges at Ohio University are becoming easier everyday, he said.

"I'm not leaving because I need to leave."

Innis said he almost didn't apply

for the position at Eastern. He did not know much about the school, but upon further research he was prompted to look at the position more closely.

He said he wasn't sure there would be a sufficient challenge here, but was "pleasantly surprised," when he arrived on campus.

Among the challenges he observed would be examining external relationships, such as getting more recruiters on campus.

Toward the end of the session, Innis was asked what his feelings were about the campus, now that he had been here for two days.

"It would be a terrific challenge," he responded.

A question in his mind about taking a position here is the presidential search along with the turnover of deans. While he called the turnover rate both an opportunity and a concern, Innis said it would not necessarily deter him from working here.



Colin McAuliffe/Associate photo editor

Daniel E. Innis, associate dean at Ohio University, interviews for the position of dean of the College of Business and Applied Sciences Tuesday morning in the Casey Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Innis has been working at Ohio University for 11 years.

Second Lumpkin dean candidate interviewing today

By Lawrence Ward III
Staff writer

The search for the new dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences continues Wednesday, with the second of four candidates visiting campus.

Diane B. Hoadley, currently the acting dean in the University of South Dakota's School of Business will meet with members of various campus groups throughout the day.

Hoadley has spent her entire academic career at USD, beginning as an instructor in 1983. She worked her way up to associate professor, became chair of the contemporary media and journalism department and finally to her current position.

Hoadley holds a bachelor's degree in economics, an MBA in finance and a doctorate in commercial law from the University of Illinois — Champaign/Urbana.

She has had several articles published, including "Gender Differences in Ethical

Perceptions of Accounting Students" in the *Ethics and Critical Thinking Journal* in 1995.

Elizabeth Hitch, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, chairs the search committee for the position, which is currently being filled in the by Martha Brown, an associate professor.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, will meet with Hoadley at 9 a.m. Wednesday after the candidate meets with the search committee. As with the first candidate, those meetings will be followed by a

campus tour and lunch with the dean's Student Advisory Board.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, in Lumpkin Hall Room 1031 the entire campus has an opportunity to meet with Hoadley during an open session.

Thursday Hoadley will have breakfast with search committee members, meet with interim President Lou Hencken, and have a meeting with the Council of Deans. Finally, Hoadley will have an exit interview with the search committee.

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Dean hopeful stresses teaching's impact

Kick would not alter departments' mix of instruction/research

By Scott Miller
Administration reporter

The second candidate for dean of the College of Sciences, Edward L. Kick, expressed the importance of good teaching during his open-session interview with faculty and other interested parties on Tuesday.

"Teaching is what, I hope, EIU is about and that is what I'm about too," he said. "While at the University of Utah, I was named distinguished professor, meaning the best professor at the institution."

Kick, who chairs the sociology and anthropology department at Middle Tennessee State University, said establishing programs to better teaching quality is very important.

"I believe in mentoring chains," Kick said, referring to a program in which professors provide advice and assistance to instructors with less experience. "I think it works, and I think it works very well."

Kick also mentioned the importance of faculty research, but said that he would not intend to change the current mix of teaching and research done by instructors of the science departments.

"Each department sets its own goals," he said. "Some departments view themselves predominately as teaching departments, others view themselves as teaching and research departments. I don't think it's a good idea to come in and change the organizational culture of the depart-



Colin McAuliffe/Assoc. photo editor

Dr. Edward Kick, one of four candidates interested in becoming dean of College of Sciences, discusses his views to an open forum Tuesday afternoon in the new Library Conference Room of Booth Library.

ments."

While supporting his decision not to change the departments' organizational structure, Kick added, "I have to believe that the strength of this institution is research and scholarship."

In addition to his current position, Kick has also served as chair of the department of sociology at the University of Utah from 1987 through 1993.

Kick has taught at Middle Tennessee

State University, the University of Utah and Indiana University.

He holds a doctorate in sociology from Indiana University, a master's in sociology from Indiana University and a bachelor's in in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kick has also been published in several instructional books, of which he noted, "my track record with publication will tell you where my heart is."

Lecture details black history

By Barry Hickey
Staff writer

The director of the African American Studies program will lecture Wednesday at the Tarble Arts Center about how the black community was impacted Coles County over the last 100 years.

The lecture is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

"I see this as an attempt to build a bridge between the university and the community," director Oniwu Wilson Ogbomo said.

Ogbomo is the curator of the "Photographic Images of African Americans in Coles County" exhibit featured at Tarble as part of the African American Heritage Month events on campus. The exhibit is a collection of photographs of African Americans from Coles County from the last century.

Ogbomo mentioned that he will present a slide demonstration while he speaks about the creation of this project.

He will also speak about the origins of the photos, his research experiences and the history of some of the black community from around Charleston.

The photographs are from family photo albums, university archives and the Coles County Historical Society, Ogbomo said. As a result of photos being from family albums some of the photos show the growth of the families, such as the Nortons.

"I wanted to try and retrieve the history, and the photos show the history in a way books could not," Ogbomo said.

The black community has changed the social and economic history of Coles County, thanks to families such as the Derricks and the Nortons, who Ogbomo will lecture about, he said.

Ogbomo, who is originally from Nigeria and has been teaching at Eastern for two years, said he has been working on this project for nearly a year.

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Senate to tackle three AB bills

By Jessica Danielewicz
Student Government editor

Three Apportionment Board allocations and a bill supporting the university influence area portion of the Unified Development Code are on the agenda for Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

A total of \$23,171.93 of AB reserve account funds are proposed to be allocated to the University Board, the athletic department and the Student Senate's annual RSO Banquet.

The UB's portion of the allocation will not actually be paid out, as it forgives a portion of an old AB loan, \$11,346.93. The UB acquired the loan in 1998 because it lost money on several concerts. The interest remaining on the loan, \$3,034.89, must still be paid back, and will be taken from the UB's fiscal year 2003 budget.

AB reserve account funds totalling \$9,600 are proposed to pay for expenses associated with the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament. Five thousand dollars of that amount will be used to purchase 1,000 student tickets if Eastern hosts a playoff game.

The other \$4,600 are slated for travel expenses for the band, cheerleaders and Pink Panthers to the OVC tournament in Louisville.

The final proposed AB allocation is for \$2,225 to pay for expenses associated with the Senate's annual RSO Banquet.

Expenses include food, awards, advertisements, entertainment, a grant-in-aid award and printing.

A proposed bill supporting the university influence area portion of the Unified Development Code is also on the agenda for discussion.

The Unified Development Code has been undergoing revisions for the past year and a half to redefine zoning regulations. Two major components of the code affecting Eastern students are the relaxing of R-2 zoning, which would allow five non-blood related individuals to room together, instead of the previous three.

The code also creates a university influence area, for which the proposed senate bill voices its support. The creation of the area will include benefits and regulations for businesses in that area.

"This new zone recognizes the university's impact on the city of Charleston and effectively accommodates the university community and its unique needs," the bill says.

The senate will also approve a Recognized Student Organization, Phi Kappa Theta, a fraternity that "strives to assist in the formation of men who, upon graduation, will be capable of making significant contributions to the development of social order," its RSO application said.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Council sets plant hearing date

By Brandi Volk
City editor

The Charleston City Council announced at last night's meeting that a public hearing on the Water Treatment Plant bond issue will be on March 5 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

The earliest estimates were \$7 to \$7.5 million, but since then, due to a redesign of the system, it's up to \$8.5 million, plus \$400,000 for a utility department building, Dean Barber interim-city manager said Tuesday.

Also, the council announced that the screening committee completed its final interview Monday for the

city manager position.

"I can speak for the council that we were impressed with the candidates," Mayor Dan Cougill said Tuesday.

Cougill noted that it would be a 'tough' choice. The first initial discussion by council to go over the four final candidates was last night in executive session. The council hopes to have a decision by then end of this month.

In addition to those announcements, the council voted to pass an ordinance that will implement three street lights at: Fawn Hollow Drive and Lincoln Highway Road, Woodfall and 20 Street and another light just east of that same intersec-

tion.

"It is very hard to see at the intersection," Cougill commented.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance allowing the spending of \$11,100 for the 4th of July fireworks celebration at the Coles County Airport with Mattoon.

Although a couple of years ago the fireworks celebration was held at the campus pond at Eastern, it was moved for a couple of reasons, Cougill noted. One of the reasons was liability and the other was no one would sponsor the event.

"It was just beautiful where we were seated," Council Member John Winnett said.

Delts hold blood drive Wednesday

By Lawrence Ward III
Staff writer

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in the University Ballroom from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday in order to help save lives.

The Blood Drive, sponsored by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, will provide refreshments from corporate sponsor Papa John's and free T-shirts to donors, while supplies last.

Danny Battista, community service co-chair for Delta Tau Delta and vice president of Eastern's blood drive committee, said "the purpose of the

blood drive is to save lives."

"Our goal is to to increase the blood supply by motivating people to give the gift of life," Battista said.

Torbeck agrees, "How much time in a day would you give to save a life?"

"One hour in six months is great, the importance of giving blood is unfathomable," she said.

Torbeck said that only 4 to 5 percent of the population actually donates when 60 to 80 percent are capable. The national average for donations is 1.6 times per year, but most are capable of six times per year.

"We would like a first-time donor to become a lifetime donor," said

Torbeck.

Battista, a junior finance major, said "by giving blood, donors will get the satisfaction and self-gratification of knowing that they have saved another human's life — and some teachers will give extra credit."

"Our blood goes directly to St. Louis for testing and then is dispersed throughout our region, 112 counties from Illinois to Missouri. Each one pint donation can help one to four patients in hospitals," Tracy Torbeck, the Red Cross territory manager, said.

Torbeck has had the position for "about two years," she said.

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Governor race focus on economic plans

CHICAGO (AP) — Attorney General Jim Ryan released an economic development plan Tuesday that would use tax credits and grants to encourage businesses to move to small communities, ideas his two GOP opponents for governor said they have long promoted.

State Sen. Patrick O'Malley's campaign criticized the plan for setting up new state commissions, while Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood's spokeswoman said Ryan was late in jumping on the economic development bandwagon.

"We're putting in action today what Jim Ryan's plan puts forth in theory," said Wood spokeswoman Tressa Pankovits, who accompanied the lieutenant governor at a ceremony naming Elgin an Illinois Main Street community.

The Main Street program, coordinated by Wood's office and two state agencies, offers technical assistance to cities and towns seeking to preserve and revitalize downtown business districts.

Ryan's business plan would expand the state's Economic Development for a Growing Economy tax credit, lowering participation requirements for businesses in struggling downstate

communities.

Ryan also said he would appoint a deputy governor for new technology and economic development and eliminate redundant certification requirements for women- and minority-owned businesses.

"Government does not create jobs. Business creates jobs. My role as governor will be to help Illinois businesses grow jobs," Ryan said in his 21-page proposal.

The attorney general did not appear in public to discuss the plan's details.

The proposal also outlines Ryan's support for clean coal initiatives, high-speed rail and government participation in seeking start-up money for technology companies.

O'Malley spokesman Dan Proft said the plan had plenty of promises but little substance. Proft said promising to hold the line on taxes and veto bills that discourage businesses from coming to Illinois is "like being for mom and apple pie."

Proft also criticized Ryan's proposed State Council of Economic Advisors and new deputy governor post, saying the governor should set his own agenda rather than deferring to boards and advisers.

Landlords

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"There are some really good benefits for them especially if they can advertise that they've been inspected," he said, adding that students and parents will be more inclined to pay rental fees knowing properties have passed inspection.

The committee also discussed timing the operation of the pedestrian light at Fourth Street, the formation of a subcommittee that would help decide how to regulate noisy house parties and gave updates about the Unified Development Code and the search for a new City Manager.

Cougill voiced several concerns he had about the pedestrian light on Fourth Street flashing 24 hours a day.

"The issue was that there are students who have a class in Lantz and a class in Coleman and crossing Fourth Street can be a real pain," Cougill said. "It was not meant to accommodate drunks coming back from the bars at midnight."

Additionally, Cougill expressed concern that local motorists would

become immune to the constant flashing light.

"The problem with the light going 24 hours a day, seven days a week is that it's like the little boy crying wolf," he said.

Possible times of operation for the lights could be from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., but a definite decision has not yet been made.

The Fourth Street light was installed last spring in an effort to slow the traffic where a lot of students cross the road. Discussion took place last semester on operation times for the light, but it still runs 24 hours a day.

Cougill also discussed the progression of the Unified Development Code, saying that the Code will possibly go to Council in April, after the zoning board conducts public meetings and public hearings.

The Unified Development Code has been undergoing revisions for the past year and a half to redefine zoning regulations. Two major components of the code affecting Eastern students are the relaxing of R-2 zoning, which would allow five non-blood related individuals to room together, instead

of the previous three. The code also creates a university influence area, which will include benefits and regulations for business in that area.

Additionally, the committee discussed the formation of a subcommittee to look at setting regulations for loud house parties.

The issue of loud house parties arose last fall when residents began voicing concerns over noise. The goal is not to stop the house parties, but create a system to regulate the noise level.

The committee addressed the possibility of having police officers carry decibel meters that would essentially measure the noise a house party would produce.

Rather than responding to neighbors' complaints about noise, police would measure the noise to be sure that it not exceed a certain number of decibels as decided on by the subcommittee.

The first meeting of the subcommittee, tentatively nicknamed the House Party Subcommittee will be Feb. 28. Goals of the first meeting are to decide on an official name and discuss decibel regulations.

Construction

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temperature throughout campus and is the first phase of the \$10.8 million energy conservation pro-

ject being completed by Honeywell, Co.

The project, which began in October of 2001, is expected to save the university \$10.8 million over ten years or Honeywell, Co. will pay the difference.

Already completed through the energy project was phase two, the installation of new lighting and more water-efficient toilets, faucets and shower heads throughout campus buildings over winter break, Strode said.

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Olympic sports in brief

Parra wins gold in speedskating

KEARNS, Utah (AP) — Derek Parra carried a different banner Tuesday, wrapping himself in a faded American flag that symbolized his unlikely journey and all the people who helped him reach the top of the Olympic medal stand.

Parra won a speedskating gold medal with a world record in the 1,500 meters, then grabbed the Stars and Stripes that belonged to his late grandfather for the victory lap.

"I know he was here today, watching out for Derek," said Gilbert Parra, the gold medalist's brother.

Derek Parra, a Mexican-American who grew up in Southern California, didn't even start ice skating until six years ago. Now, he's an improbable Winter Olympic champion, pushed on by family and friends wearing "Team Parra" sweat-shirts.

"You give up so much, hoping for a moment like this, and it happens," Parra said, his voice cracking with emotion as he wiped his eyes.

His stunning time of 1 minute, 43.95 seconds was more than a second lower than the pre-Olympic mark of 1:45.20 held by South Korea's Lee Kyuhyuk.

Witness tells ISU about French judge's 'confession'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Skating union investigators Tuesday interviewed a championship judge who said he witnessed a "confession" of a vote-

swapping deal by the French woman in the middle of the judging scandal.

The internal investigation is focusing on what the deal was, who made it, and who pressured French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne to vote for a Russian pairs team over a Canadian couple.

"I left the interview with confidence that they'll get to the bottom of it," said Jon Jackson, an International Skating Union judge and an attorney from San Francisco. "They did a very thorough job."

Jackson would not reveal details of his discussion with the two ISU officials conducting the investigation, vice president Gerhard Zimmerman of Germany and legal adviser Gerhardt Bubnik of the Czech Republic.

But shortly before the meeting, Jackson spoke about a letter he wrote to the ISU last week, detailing what he described as an emotional and spontaneous "confession" by Le Gougne in a hotel lobby about an hour after the pairs competition.

Bakken ends long U.S. medal drought in bobsled

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — The U.S. bobsled team no one knew about certainly made a name for itself — and history.

Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers stunned the field Tuesday, winning the gold medal in the inaugural women's Olympic bobsled race and breaking a 46-year drought in the sport for the United States.

The other U.S. team of Jean Racine and Gea Johnson had been favored to contend for a medal and overshadowed Bakken and Flowers leading up to the race.

In the end, though, it was the USA-2 team that had the fastest combined time in the two runs, 1 minute, 37.76 seconds. Racine and brakewoman Johnson, who had been bothered by a sore hamstring, finished fifth in 1:38.73.

Bulls get Rose in trade with Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Pacers president Donnie Walsh insisted he wasn't shopping Jalen Rose but would listen to offers.

He heard one he liked Tuesday.

The Pacers traded Rose, Travis Best, rookie Norman Richardson and a conditional second-round draft pick to the Chicago Bulls for Brad Miller, Ron Mercer, Ron Artest and Kevin Ollie, two days before the NBA trading deadline.

"We're better along," Walsh said. "We have some parts we didn't have and are hard to get. That's

why it calls for a Jalen Rose."

Walsh said Bulls general manager Jerry Krause called him right before he left for the All-Star break and made an offer for Rose. Walsh discussed a potential trade with Chicago later in the week, and the deal was tentatively made Sunday.

"We feel Jalen is an outstanding all-around player who can play three positions offensively and defensively," Krause said.

Some problems developed — the Bulls substituted Mercer for forward Charles Oakley — before Walsh agreed to the deal Tuesday

morning. Walsh said he wanted Oakley in the deal but that the Bulls pulled him off the table because of salary-cap issues.

"He would have been a good player to have here," Walsh said. "They felt they needed his mentoring for their two young big guys."

Rose said after Indiana's victory over Philadelphia that Walsh promised him he wouldn't be traded. Walsh said he never made that promise, and added that speculation that Rose and coach Isiah Thomas could not coexist was not a factor in the deal.

Loss

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The Panthers started the game off slowly but fought back with a 17-4 run in a 3:45 span. The Indians managed to stay strong and brought a 43-41 lead into the locker room.

For most of the second half, the Panthers kept the game tight and looked as if they were ready to make yet another last minute run, but with four minutes remaining a costly turnover followed by a dunk from SEMO freshman Derek Winans swayed momentum back to the Indians.

Winans had to pick up his production with freshman guard Brett Hale out of the lineup with a strained right calf muscle. Winans finished with a career high 32 points on 11-of-21 shooting from the field.

Winans was not the only Indian player to come through with SEMO having five players reach double figures.

Eastern, which had been struggling in recent games, shot 49 percent from the field and junior guard Henry Domercant got back on track with a 39-point performance. Domercant's efforts allowed him to break the school record for single-season point total with 752.

Redshirt freshman forward Andy Gobczynski had his second



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Eastern junior Jan Thompson passes the ball during Saturday's home game. The Panthers lost at SEMO Tuesday.

double figure game in a row with 13 points while junior guard J.R. Reynolds added 11.

Eastern's biggest problem of the night was its post game. The Indians had several second chance shots from offensive rebounds and fought hard to a 35-31 rebounding advantage.

The loss diminished the Panthers chances of obtaining a home playoff game for the first

round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. "Our pieces are not fitting into the puzzle right now," Samuels said. "We are in a little bit of a panic."

Eastern comes back home Thursday night in a must win game against Tennessee State. The Panthers dropped the first meeting to the Tigers 94-76 and will need a win to move ahead of them in the standings.

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I hate to break your hearts and mine Cubby fans, but I am very skeptical that this year is THE year.

The Tribune-run organization made some decent, brilliant and absolutely shocking moves this offseason, but did they make enough moves to get us the ring? No.

It is all about the question marks, and the Cubs have plenty of them. Let's start from the top of the lineup.

So, Delino DeShields at leadoff? Oh my! He is currently penciled in as our leadoff hitter and that scares me. But the Cubs have a

prospect in store, who unlike Hee Sop Choi is for real and wants to play, by the name of Bobby Hill. Following a red-hot minor league campaign last year, he will be fighting DeShields for

the second base and leadoff job in spring training. He's got speed, integrity, he hits for average and he wants to play. I love him already.

The next question mark – Bill Mueller. He was the first quality third baseman the Cubs have had since Ron Santo (No, Gary Scott was not quality) and was more like an exclamation mark until that devastating injury. All I ask for is a stable .280 season with

Leadoff man



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60 or 70 RBIs and enough first base passes to set up the best 3-4-5 combo in baseball.

Yea, that's right. I may be far from certain about a World Series, but I am more than certain about this. Name me another team's trio that's better and I'll give you a high five, I promise.

Probably the Cubs' biggest question mark, Chicago native Todd Hundley HAS to come through this year. Last season he doubted himself starting opening day when Baylor benched the hometown hero and played the aging Peoria native Joe Girardi instead. This seemed strange to me and even stranger to Hundley since the Cubs signed him to a large four year contract worth \$12.5 million. Hundley never hit the ball again.

If Hundley can pull 30 home runs out of his riddled "back" then the Cubs are making it to the postseason one way or the other. If he can complement that 3-4-5 with another powerful bat, the Cubs lineup will be fierce.

Next up is the Cubs' new defensive wizard at shortstop A-Rod, err I mean A-Gon, Alex

Gonzalez. A brilliant move by the Cubs, Gonzalez is considered to be one of the top glove-handling shortstops throughout the game and after moving him away from Toronto and off of the turf for the first time in his short career, I am eager to see him hit at least 20 home runs and bat .280 or better.

Competing with Hundley for our biggest question mark is a five tool curse known as Corey Patterson. I've heard his name for years and years and I have yet to know why. A disappointment and more, Patterson is currently their starting center fielder, thrown between international superstars Alou and Sosa.

He has plenty of speed, had is a great fielder and the rumor is that he has pop and can hit for average. All this could happen, but will the stress get to the former prospect and current failure?

This isn't the Cubs year. They have one of the top farm systems in the majors and the guys at the top show they finally want to win, so I'd say give it two or three before it is the year.

Bloomquist

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double and triple axels to triple axels, triple foot toe lutz fruit loops (or something like that) and compares the number of each to the rest of the competition.

This ratio is multiplied against the other factors.

The number of "compromising poses" made during a routine is subtracted from the formula as the International Skating Union is planning to crack down on risque routines.

Bonus points are added for

the number of times NBC announcer Scott Hamilton praises the routine or the coach or both exuberantly.

More bonus points are added if the crowd reacts to the choice of music, or points are taken away for music that doesn't seem to fit into the skater's routine.

When all of this is added up, the competitor with the most points wins the gold.

That would finally give the skating world a true champion. The figure skating BCS is fool-proof, or at least, just as much as its college football counterpart.

The alternative is crooked judges and almost anything is better than that.

Top Cat

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teammates as his friends and vica-versa. The ability to openly critique other teammates is one of the aspects that has kept the team continually bettering themselves and strengthening their personal

relationships.

"It helps us be up front with each other, if we see something that we don't like about each other, we will tell the person," Kercheval said. "Being frank – really helps a lot. I know that if I don't swim well I have three other guys down my back."


On a team full of friends and roommates, Kercheval's humility is

prevalent through his actions in the pool and out of the pool. He doesn't take too much credit and shares his accomplishments, as the others do, with the rest of the team.

"My team makes me look good – a lot of praise I get should go to them. They're just talented. As a whole they're talented. We have almost no weaknesses."

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Out of Bounds



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Skating's woes fixed with BCS

There are some who will say that figure skating isn't a sport. I am one of those people.

It's not that I don't like the artistic aspects of it, or that I can't appreciate the athleticism it takes to compete, but a sport is something that doesn't need judges to determine the winner. Therefore, figure skating isn't a sport and neither is gymnastics or any local dog show. Judges are subjective - in other words, judging is an art, not a science. It's much different than referees or umpires, who merely interpret the rules of the game. Judges completely determine the outcome of the sport on a basis that is completely subjective. There are no clear criteria for their judgment calls.

Judges can easily be corrupted as last week's controversy, or what I like to call, "Skategate," showed.

Giving the Canadian figure skating pair David Pelletier and Jamie Sale gold medals didn't solve the problem any more than taking the gold from Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze would've.

But because figure skating has a tremendous following and all but carries the winter Olympics, it shouldn't be eliminated as a sport.

Instead, a better system needs to be in place. Enter the Figure Skating BCS. Just like it's college football counterpart, the Figure Skating BCS will allow a definite winner to be determined. It's a sure-fire way to determine who deserves the gold.

In football, BCS stands for Bowl Championship Series. In figure skating, the acronym means Bona fide Competition Status.

There's a simple formula involved to determine the best skater. Judges' scores will be used, in addition to other aspects.

The average of the judges' scores for both artistic and regular merit will carry equal weight. The formula then subtracts the number of falls during a given routine. The strength of routine aggregate is also factored in.

This aggregate statistic factors in the number of triple salchows,

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SEMO stops Eastern



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Eastern senior Todd (left) passes the ball around Tennessee-Martin's Jair Peralta during Saturday's game in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost on the road to SEMO 102-87.

102-87 loss dims home playoff game chances

By Matt Williams
Staff writer

The Eastern men's basketball team had no trouble finding the basket Tuesday night at Southeast Missouri State, but their defense gave up their second highest amount this season in a 102-87 defeat.

"They beat us on the post and got on the offensive boards," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said in a post game interview on WHHQ-FM radio. "They were also very solid off of the dribble. They are playing really well right now."

The Indians (6-20, 4-11) found many open shots to go on a scoring rampage against the struggling Panthers (14-14, 6-8). SEMO shot a remarkable 54 percent from three-point range and was able to convert on 25-of-28 free throw attempts.

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Top Cat

"I don't want to stop running track because I love the glory of it."

Smoke on the water

Kercheval broke records, led his team to Midwest Conference title

Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.

Raymond Keeler
Staff writer

As the men's team was on its way to the conference championship, junior Josh Kercheval was busy winning events and breaking school and personal records as he was named "Most Outstanding Male Swimmer" of the Midwestern Classic Invitational.

He won the 200-yard backstroke, the 200 Individual medley and the 400 individual medley. With school record in the 200 backstroke, bettering his own record by a hundredth of a second.

As a member of the 200 freestyle medley and the 800 freestyle relay team, he helped set school records and capture first place in the conference events. The 800 freestyle relay is the same team that was Top Cat last semester and earned the nickname, "The A-Team."

"I'm kind of in a place to where if I swim well it's going to happen. (The award is) not some-

thing I expected to win," Kercheval said. "If I get an award for doing what I am supposed to be doing it's even better."

Kercheval has noticed his progression over the last three years. He said that this year's conference championship helped him realize that he is finally getting back into form and has persevered over his ailments that have plagued his over the past two years.

"Last year I had an elbow problem, so the last month of the season I won't really hitting full practices, which hurt a lot," Kercheval said. "My stamina was there at the end of this year cause I didn't miss the end of the season."

This year the team goals were go undefeated and win conference. Well, the team was 12-0 this year and won conference. Kercheval added an anecdote when discussing about this years championship and his motivations towards winning.

"I remember in my freshman year we got third at (conference). I remember just sitting there and seeing the team jumping and celebrating, it made me mad, it made me envious - I really wanted to be there to know what that felt like."

Last year the team lost to



Colin McAuliffe/Associate photo editor

Eastern junior Josh Kercheval was named the "Most Outstanding Male Swimmer" of the Midwestern Classic Invitational. He broke school records in addition to winning many meets this season.

Louisville University, University of Illinois at Chicago and to Western Illinois. He said the victory against Louisville was shocking because of the closeness of the final score.

Not until the team defeated those teams in the first five dual meets of the season did the it feel it was in position of going unde-

feated.

"Once we got (Louisville and Western) out of the way we thought we had a good shot, the goals seemed more and more realistic," Kercheval said. "We were pretty pumped."

Kercheval expressed how great of a situation it is to have his

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