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Students

Whether they worked or relaxed over break, most students are glad to be back. Story on Page 3

come home



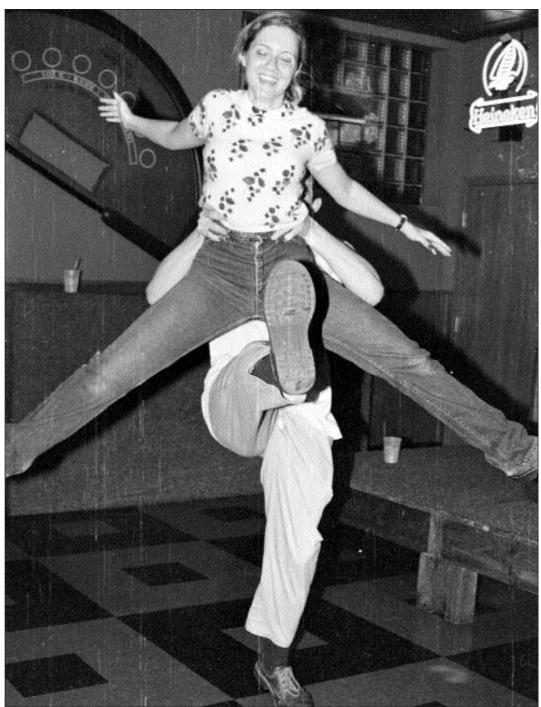
"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Men's basketball team closes out break with a four-game winning streak. Story on Page 12



Jump and jivin'



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Brian Scheidt, a senior geology major, lifts Mandy Watson, a senior English major, during Swing Night at Top of the Roc, 410 Sixth St., Wednesday evening. Both have been swing dancing for a few months.

Charleston bar offers a throw back to the 1930s

By Meghan McMahon Administration Editor

Top of the Roc offers its customers a swinging good time Wednesday nights with good music and dancing.

Top of the Roc, 410 Sixth St., holds swing night every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 1

Mike Knoop, owner of Top of the Roc, has been holding swing nights for about three months and said they have been very successful for his business.

"I knew we needed something new," Knoop said. "I knew (swing) was hot in the metro markets, and it would have to make its way down (to Charleston) sooner or later."

To draw people into the bar, Knoop hired a swing instructor from the University of Illinois at Champaign to give the bar's

Monday

patrons lessons on swing danc-

The instructor gives free swing dance lessons to anyone interested in learning how to swing dance.

The swing music provides a fun atmosphere, Knoop said.

"We have a DJ that spins classic Big Ben music," he said.

Swing night has the possibility to remain a staple at Roc's for a long time to come. "I suppose ... as long as we

get a good turnout, we'll keep doing (swing night)," he said. "We'll keep it as long as we get a good response."

Top of the Roc draws a fairly mixed crowd, Knoop said.

"I would say we get about

half Charleston residents and half (Eastern) students," he said.

Knoop said Top of the Roc also occasionally offers live entertainment on Saturday nights.

While Knoop has only owned Top of the Roc for about three years, he said it has been an established bar in Charleston for nearly a century.

"It has been around since the early 1900s," he said.

During Prohibition, the bar operated as a speak-easy and illegal gambling joint.

"It remained a bar and an illegal gambling joint through the early '60s," Knoop said.

Knoop said before his ownership, the establishment was strictly a bar. When Knoop took over ownership, he added the restaurant to draw more people into his business.

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Snowstorms did not cause student delay

Forecaster says snow quota has been met

By Christy Kilgore

City editor

Eastern students were welcomed back from the semester break to Charleston with sunny skies, freezing temperatures, slick roads and piles of snow.

The extreme weather conditions sweeping the Midwest since Dec. 31 brought 1999 in with a bang with five inches of snow falling between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

On Jan. 2, rain and sleet accumulated on top of the snow, contributing to treacherous road conditions, said Dalias Price, local weather observer.

"(There was) all this snow and then there was ice caked in with it," Price said. "It was very difficult to move around."

Price said 17 inches is the normal total for snowfall for the entire winter, and so far the local area has received 16 inches.

"We got our quota for the entire

winter," he said.

Students traveling to Charleston from their hometowns last week encountered icy roadways, blowing snow and vehicle accidents.

Saturday and More inside Sunday's weather, Courtyard conalthough sunny, struction at a brought no relief halt because of from freezing tem- heavy snowfall. peratures.

Although some people had prob-

lems with the road conditions, most students had an uneventful drive. "It wasn't bad at all," said Carsten Franck, a sophomore polit-

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ical science major from the quad Some students encountered problems the closer they got to

Charleston. "Charleston roads suck," said Erin Winter, sophomore English

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Off-campus site selected to house library materials

IGA building to house temporary library until renovations complete

By Meghan McMahon

Administration editor

Eastern's Board of Trustees Dec. 21 approved the final off-campus site to house library materials during the renovations of Booth Library scheduled to begin at the conclusion of this semester.

The former IGA building, 612 W. Lincoln Ave., will house library materials during the renovations scheduled to begin in May.

Eastern will pay \$6,700 per month to rent the IGA building. The lease will last for 29 months beginning May 1 and running through Sept. 30, 2001, a press release said. Eastern will have the option to renew the lease on a

month-to-month basis after the lease is over.

The total costs for leasing the building will be \$194,300 plus the cost of utilities, a press release said.

The other library relocation sites include McAfee Gymnasium, the gallery of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Gregg Triad and a yet to be constructed building near the Facilities and Planning Management building.

"The move will begin the Monday after the spring graduation," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "We hope to be finished (with the move) by the end of June."

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Postage rates are on a fast incline

By Christy Kilgore City editor

Students will pay more to send bills and letters because of the rise in postage rates, which took effect Sunday.

Snowstorm

major from Naperville. "It was fine

until we got onto the exit ramp on

(Interstate) 57. It would be nice if

dispersed on roads during winter

weather is only effective to about

30 degrees, so many roads were

dangerous for the trip back to

Price warned of frigid wind chill factors that are dangerous to

"The wind chill factors were

way below zero," he said. "It makes

the temperature much more

tor at Eastern's Health Services also

alerted people to the effects of a wind combined with freezing tem-

Dr. Joseph Wall, medical direc-

Price said salt that is commonly

they could plow or something."

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Eastern.

vicious."

exposed skin.

The price of a first class postage

stamp rose to 33 cents from 32 cents, according to the United States Postal Service web page, at www.usps.gov.

The price includes the postage for a one ounce letter. Rates for an additional ounce dropped from 23 cents to 22 cents.

Aerenia Chmiola, desk assistant at Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas halls, said they will begin selling the new 33 cent stamps

Taylor Hall is giving away free 1 cent stamps with the purchase of 32 cent stamps, said Stacy Dallan, Taylor Hall desk assistant. The first 33 cent stamps will feature the seventh entry in the Lunar

New Year Stamp Series, the Year of the Hare, according to the Postal Service web site.

The hare is the fourth animal in the Chinese Zodiac.



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Greg Lee, a worker in the Eastern's Grounds Department, uses a back hoe to clear a student parking lot Sunday afternoon just east of Old Main. Eastern students were welcomed back from the semester break to Charleston with sunny skies, freezing temperatures, slick roads and piles of snow. The extreme weather conditions sweeping the Midwest since Dec. 31 brought 1999 in with a bang with five inches of snow falling between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

"Cover everything when there is a wind," he said.

Wall reminded people going

outside to wear thin layers of natural fibers to help prevent

Wall gave another tip to prevent

health problems from the cold: Don't drink.

"Alcohol will increase heat loss from the skin," he said.

Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

The former IGA building, 612 W. Lincoln Ave., will house library materials during the renovations scheduled to begin in May. Eastern's Board of Trustees approved the final off-campus site to house library materials during the renovations of Booth Library scheduled to begin at the conclusion of this semester.

Library

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Lanham said during the relocation of library materials, parts of the library will remain open.

'We don't plan on closing public services," he said.

To accommodate library users during the move, Lanham said

help desks will remain open in Booth Library until a help desk can be opened at the relocation

Students will be able to request library materials from the IGA location and the books can be picked up at an on-campus location, Lanham said.

"The IGA will not be open to students," he said.

He said he is unsure what mate-

rials will be housed in the IGA building; because it will depend on what space is made available on

OPEN 24hrs.

The library renovations will begin at the conclusion of the spring semester and are scheduled to run through 2001.

"(The renovations will) basically be a remodeling of the north building," Lanham said. "The south building will be gutted."

Jivin'

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"If you want to survive, you've got to be able to feed them also," he said.

Top of the Roc is open from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday and from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

During the day, Knoop operates Roc's Blackfront restaurant from the same location as Top of the Roc.

Roc's Blackfront offers a wide variety of menu item, including soups, salads, steak, ribs, hamburgers and sandwiches.

Roc's Blackfront is open from 11 to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Students battle snow to get back

By Laura Irvine Campus editor

Many students spent their three-week semester break relaxing and visiting with family and friends.

But other students spent their time working and braving the snowstorm that recently hit Illinois to make it back to Eastern for classes on Monday.

After the snow, many students were glad to return to Eastern.

"I just worked and spent money over break," said Johnny Carter, a senior health studies major from Flossmoor. "I was ready to come back to school. I was tired of working."

Carey Miller, a junior speech pathology major from East Alton, said she mostly worked during the break.

"I worked seven days a week

over break and when I wasn't working, I was visiting my family and my friends," she said.

Kathy Thomas, a sophomore English major from Rantoul, said she wanted to come back to school because the snow storm prevented her from leaving her house.

"I was ready to come back. There was so much snow there was nothing to do anyway," she

Thomas said she shopped for presents the day before Christmas and spent the rest of the break working.

Robin Randolph, a sophomore zoology major from Oblong, spent her break doing what some students said they wish they could have done.

"I just relaxed. I didn't work or anything and it was great," she

Randolph said the three-week break was nice but she would have liked having a little more time off.

"I could have used another week or so," she said.

John Gura, a senior social science major from Orland Park, did something a little different over

"(Our band) started writing a new CD for our band, VooDoo Pugs."

Gura said he was very happy about coming back to school.

"I was ecstatic about coming back. I love my job as a resident assistant," he said.

Nicole Glover, a junior psychology major from Jacksonville, said she worked as a teacher's aide over break.

"I also went to Chicago with some friends and relaxed and visited relatives," she said.



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Anthony Chounard, a sophomore computer management major, finishes moving his books into his dorm on Friday afternoon.

Boulay to see psychologist

By Nicole Meinheit

Staff editor

The Eastern student accused of murdering his former girlfriend is still meeting with one of his psychologists.

A status hearing today will help determine when the final report's findings will be submit-

Justin "Jay" Boulay met with psychologists for both the prosecution and the defense because Public Defender Lonnie Lutz is expected to argue Boulay may have been temporarily insane or suffered another affliction at the time he allegedly committed the murder.

State's Attorney Steve Ferguson said he wants the prosecution's experts to examine Boulay to dispute the defense's case.

Lutz said all of the other reports have been turned over to both the defense and the prosecu-

"(Based on the earlier reports,) the last report should be turned in within the next 30 days," he said.

Lutz said he was unsure if the last psychologist's report would delay the case.

Once the report is received, Ferguson said he will want to review the report.

"The psychologist is still meeting with Mr. Boulay, and of course we'll have to conclude the interviews and testing," Lutz said. "I don't know if that will be done in one secession."

Circuit Court Judge Ashton Waller has been scheduling pretrial hearings and status hearings throughout the case to keep track of their case's status. Another pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 5.

Boulay is charged with the strangulation murder of his 18-year-old former girlfriend, Andrea Will, of Batavia. Miss Will's body was found in Boulay's apartment near Eastern's campus on Feb. 3, 1998.

Boulay is currently being kept under home confinement in Kane County.

He wears an electronic monitoring device and is only allowed to leave his home for meetings with psychologists and court appearances.

More funds recommended for Eastern

By Meghan McMahon Administration editor

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has recommended a 7.5 percent increase in general funds for Eastern in its recommendations for the fiscal year

If the IBHE's recommendations are approved by the governor and the state legislature, Eastern will receive \$48.3 million in general funds.

According to the IBHE's fiscal year 2000 recommendations for university operations and grants, Eastern would receive the second highest increase in funds among public universities in Illinois. Only

Governors State University was recommended to receive a larger increase with an 8.4 percent increase in general funds.

"(Eastern uses general funds) to pay faculty, utility for classrooms and anything we need to run the instructional part of the university," said Budget Director Kim Furumo.

Money received as general funds also pays for such things as staff salaries and classroom equipment including computer equipment, Furumo said.

The IBHE also has recommended Eastern receive \$8.6 million for capital improve-

Furumo said funds received for capital improvements is

"one-time money" the university receives to make improvements on campus.

She said if the IBHE's recommendations are approved, the money Eastern receives for capital improvements will be spent on four separate pro-

The IBHE has recommended \$2 million be given to Eastern to plan a renovation and expansion of the Fine Arts Center, Furumo said. Another \$4 million would be used to purchase movable equipment for Booth Library.

She said \$2 million would be spent on a south campus chilled water loop.

"(The south campus chilled

water loop) is an underground chilled water loop which connects buildings and air conditioning equipment to improve utility usage," Furumo said. "The goal of the project is to increase efficiency.'

An additional \$564,100 of capital improvement funds would be spent to replace the chillers in Coleman Hall if the IBHE's recommendations are approved by the governor and state legislature.

Furumo said the chillers are the largest component of the air conditioning system Coleman Hall and the new chillers would replace the inefficient ones currently used in the system.

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Opinion Plant Plan

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Successful search

ight months after the Board of Trustees hired an executive firm to aid the search for Eastern's eighth president, Carol Diann Surles has been selected and ready to take office in March.

The combined efforts of the executive firm and the 11-member campus search committee made the selection process quick and efficient.

The task before both parties wasn't an easy one. The executive firm did a good job of broadening the pool by seeking out potential applicants and then letting the campus committee take over from there.

Presidential search

The work of the executive firm and campus search committee made the presidential search quick and efficient

The three finalists were announced Dec. 3. From Dec. 4 to Dec. 8, each of the three finalists conducted on-campus interviews with various

campus committees, each set up by the campus search committee.

The new president was announced Dec. 10, a mere two days after the last candidate was on campus for interviews.

In past presidential searches, the turnaround time between when the finalists are named, interviewed and selected was much longer.

But the campus search committee spent long hours conducting background checks, debating the strengths and weaknesses of the finalists and discussing how each would fit in at Eastern.

The committee also sought input from interview participants on the three candidates and used the information when making a final decision. Seeking input from the people who will be directly affected by the selection is a positive effort toward getting the campus community involved.

The 11-members of the presidential search committee and others involved should be commended for their dedication and ability to con-

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

Today's quote

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The convention system has its faults, of course, but I do not know of a better method of choosing a presidential nominee.

 $\mbox{Harry S. Truman} \\ \mbox{33rd president of the United States, } 1884-1972$

Plowing coordinated by Chicken Little

am convinced that Central Illinois' system of plowing must have been invented by Chicken Little who ran in panic when things started falling from the sky.

For those not familiar with the story, Chicken Little romped through her chickadee world and warned all of the other animals, which resulted in mass chaos to avoid the objects falling from the sky. This childhood

story obviously should have been paid more attention to since we have now seen this become a reality – Charleston being example number one.

During the snowstorms that took place last week, plowing as a public service performed by the city was not done up to par or, in some instances, not done at all.

The job of a plow is to clear the streets and help to avoid serious weather conditions while driving. I do understand the snow kept coming, but the plows should have kept plowing. It is absolutely absurd to think they would actually give up and quit, only to leave the streets draped in a white, slick mess.

Why this public service was abandoned because of more snow than usual is unclear. Even as the snow still fell, if the plows kept plowing driving situations would not be half as dangerous as they are.

And, say it was too much for the plows to handle in the height of the storm, plowing should have resumed as the snow fall ceased. There were several breaks in between snow storms that gave the plows a chance to at least push the remaining snow aside to better prepare for a future storm.

Recently, the storms have subsided with only little flurries here and there, but it hasn't even been enough to dust my car off before I drive. So, the question I ask is why haven't the plows cleared the streets so pavement is visible? They should be taking advantage of the chance while it's



Heather Cygan
Managing editor

"If the community is out, the streets should be plowed to create safe driving conditions." nere.

When the city made their decision as to whether the snow should be plowed, they should have come to a conclusion as they watched society finally dig their cars out of the snow and begin to drive. If the community is out, the streets should be plowed to create safe driving conditions.

Warnings on television and radio are also not an excuse to

leave hazardous conditions unattended. Human beings are mobile and will eventually have needs to get access to. It was so hard to get places many business shut down and gave up as well.

With the entire affected community left with no choice but to surrender to the weather, it even resulted in the shut down of the economy. This is ridiculous. Together, this should not have created such a big problem. We are living in the age of technology and advancement, so why have we been hung up to dry?

There is also another weird phenomenon occurring across the snow belt panic. For some reason, people are actually taking the weather man seriously. His word and predictions have leveled off at God level.

Just because the weather man says it's going to snow doesn't mean that his word is written in stone.

I encourage the plows to go out and clear the streets (and side streets) while the chance of no flurries for a while is here. Mother Nature will always be the queen and human beings can not stop her, but we can shake her up a bit and finally shove her aside.

■ Heather Cygan is a sophomore journalism major and a biweekly columnist for The Daily Eastern News. Her e-mail address is cuhlc2@pen.eiu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author



Athletes encouraged to improve actions

I am impressed with your hard efforts to get from where you were to where you are now. I am NOT impressed with some of your "holier than thou" attitudes that you have displayed in the dining centers and in the stands at the basketball games.

Some of you are loud, rude and obnoxious. I want you to walk away knowing this: There are consequences to every action you make. If this behavior continues, you may lose friends, fans and support for "your cause"

I know that you have lost mine.

Marla Furman Charleston resident

Newspapers have free speech rights, too

Pulling a university newspaper's funding seems like an overly severe punishment for almost any offense – if you believe in freedom of the press, that is.

However, at the University of Rhode

Your turn Letters to the editor

Island, this is exactly what happened to The Good 5 Cent Cigar.

Apparently, the paper ran an editorial cartoon about affirmative action and a number of students and faculty members protested its content.

The cartoon depicted a black man standing by a professor. The professor tells the man, "If you're the janitor, please wait until after class to empty the trash. If you're one of our minority students, welcome!"

Editors at the school paper said they ran the editorial cartoon to express disgust over attacks on affirmative action at a law school in Texas.

After the cartoon ran, about a dozen black students calling themselves Brothers United for Action protested and demanded the school paper be put out of business.

The student senate complied, stripping the paper of its funding.

While anything that can be perceived as a racist attack is troubling, what is more shocking in this case is the blatant

disrespect for freedom of speech.

No one has the right to take away a newspaper's right to free speech just because they disagree with or misinterpret a message.

Furthermore, the protesting group only has about 12 members.

While fighting any form of prejudice is always going to be valuable, the views of 12 students can not let an entire media organization be shut down.

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Letter policy

The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues.

They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address.

Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Send letters to the editor via e-mail to cudmp2@pen.eiu.edu

Construction halted



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Construction of the commemorative courtyard may be delayed as a result of the recent snow storm. The schedule from the contractor, Grunloh and Associates, indicates completion sometime in April.

Snowfall may delay courtyard construction

By Laura Irvine Campus editor

Construction of the commemorative courtyard may be delayed as a result of the recent snow storm.

"The large amount of snow and cold weather has essentially halted construction," said Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management, in a written statement.

The schedule from the contractor, Grunloh and Associates, indicates completion sometime in April, Weidner said in a written statement.

Weidner said in a written statement the physical plant will work with the contractor to determine how much the schedule has been affected once the weather stabilizes. "Until the weather turned on us last week, the work was proceeding smoothly," he said in a written statement. "We believe that as the weather improves, construction can resume and the work will be completed without other serious disruptions."

Construction for the courtyard, which will cost about \$150,000, began in November. The courtyard, located between McAfee Gymnasium and Ford Hall, will feature a clock tower and a veranda.

Although the weather has been a factor in the construction, some initial work has been completed.

"Some initial site preparation has been done as well as the placement of about 25 percent of the foundation," Weidner said in a written statement. "Very little 'above ground' work has been done."

Writers and copy editors wanted.

581-2812.

New staff takes over the *News*

The year 1999 has brought new editors of The Daily Eastern News as the semi-annual staff changeover goes into effect today.

Deana Poole, a junior journalism major from Bloomington, will serve as the editor in chief. Poole has held positions on the News since 1996 including news editor, administration editor, activities editor and student publications coordinator.

Heather Cygan, a sophomore journalism major from Crystal Lake, is the new managing editor. Cygan was formerly the editorial page editor.

Justin Kmitch, a senior journalism major from Bedford Park, will serve as news editor. Kmitch was formerly the associate news editor.

Tammie Sloup, a senior journalism major from Woodridge, is the new associate news editor. Sloup was formerly the administration editor.

Amy Thon, a sophomore journalism major from Lombard, will serve as the editorial page editor. Thon was formerly the campus editor.

Joe Sanner, a senior journalism major from Lovington, is the new senior reporter, a position that has remained vacant for several years. Sanner, who was formerly the student government editor, will produce in-depth articles on various campus and city issues.

Nicole Meinheit, a sophomore English major from Peotone, will serve as the features editor. Meinheit was formerly the city editor.

Chad Merda, a senior journalism major from Willow Springs, is the new sports editor. Merda formerly served as the managing editor.

Kyle Bauer, a sophomore journalism major from Elwood, will serve as the associate sports editor.

Bauer was formerly a staff writer.

Meghan McMahon, a junior journalism major from Lake Villa, is the new administration editor.



Deana Poole Editor in chief

McMahon was formerly a staff writer.

Laura Irvine, a junior journalism major from Oak Forest, will serve as the campus editor. Irvine was formerly the activities editor.

Chris Sievers, a sophomore journalism major from Robinson, is the new student government editor. Sievers was formerly a staff writer.

Christy Kilgore, a sophomore journalism major from Charleston, is the new city editor. Kilgore was formerly a staff writer.

Dan Ochwat, a senior journalism major from Hoffman Estates, will serve as the activities editor. Ochwat was formerly a staff writer.

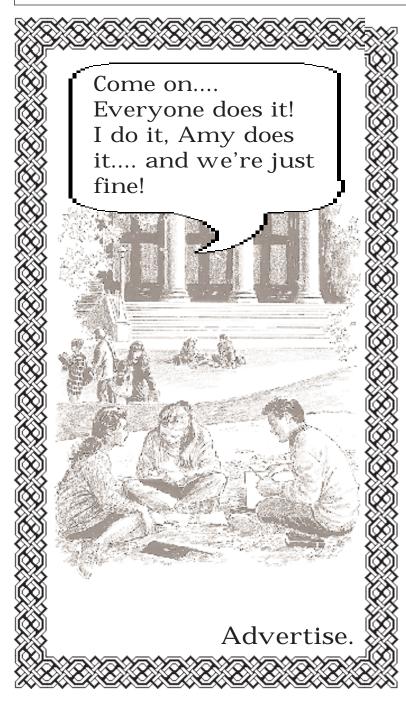
Jessica Sedgewick, a senior journalism major from East Peoria, is the new Verge editor. Sedgewick was formerly co-associate verge editor.

Alice Hosty, a junior journalism major from River Forest, is the new associate Verge editor. She was formerly co-associate verge editor.

Deanna McIntyre, a junior art education major from Homewood, will continue to serve as the photo editor

Lacey Buidosik, a freshman history major from North Riverside, is the new associate photo editor. Buidosik was formerly a staff photographer

All terms run through May 1.





Year in Review

he year 1998 was an eventful one: administrative reassignments, student deaths, campus construction, natural disasters and union negotiations were among many of the top campus and city stories for 1998.

But without a doubt, Carol Diann Surles' appointment as Eastern's eighth president was the biggest news story of 1998. To recap the year, the staff of the Daily Eastern News has compiled a year in review:

January

Students mourn freshman

More than 500 people attended the wake of an Eastern student Jan. 5 who died from carbon monoxide asphyxia-

Melissa Pendy, a freshman journalism major from Bartlett, died on the morning of Jan. 2.

Hanna reassigned

Without prior notice, Jim Hanna, the chief advancement officer of development, was "reassigned" to the School of Adult and Continuing Education Jan. 8,

Hanna was given a letter from Eastern President David Jorns that stated he was being "terminated with notice" effective July 8, 1998. He was reassigned from working with the EIU Foundation to working under William Hine, dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education.

A seven-member development group was later appointed by Jorns to coordinate fund-raising initiatives.

Eastern granted highest increase for 1998-99

The Illinois Board of Higher Education Jan. 6, 1998 granted Eastern the highest increase in new state monies among the 12 Illinois public universities for 1998-99.

The IBHE approved a fiscal year 1999 general funds increase recommendation for Eastern of \$2.8 million, which would raise Eastern's total appropriated funds budget to \$44,707,800 for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Eastern was recommended for the highest general funds appropriation increase at 6.8 percent.

Eastern lobbyist fired

Chris Merrifield, Eastern's liaison to the capitol, was terminated effective June 30, 1998 by Eastern President David Jorns

Merrifield, who had been Eastern's liaison since February 1995, said she received a letter from Jorns informing her of her termination.

Merrifield previously said since she was a non-civil service worker and was terminated with notice, she was "unable to find out precisely why" she was fired.

Eastern officials selected Government Affairs Specialties, Inc. of Springfield to represent Eastern on a short-

AIDS Quilt on campus

More than 340 students listened to the names of AIDS victims being read during the opening ceremonies of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

After two years of "blood, sweat and tears" the AIDS Memorial Quilt Committee brought the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Eastern.

More than 300 panels were hung on

the walls and laid on the floor of the Grand Ballroom, each embroidered with designs and messages.

Six new panels made by area students and residents were added to the current 306 panels at Eastern during the closing ceremonies of the AIDS Memo-

Enrollment sets record

Eastern's 1998 spring enrollment set a new university record with 11,028 students, which was a .35 percent increase over spring 1997 figures.

The year's total included 10,080 oncampus students; 948 off-campus students; making up the 1,826 freshmen; 1,929 sophomores; 2,450 juniors and 3,361 seniors. Undergraduate enrollment was 9,075 students; and graduate school enrollment was 1,462 students for spring 1997.

February

Boulay arrested for killing 18-year-old freshman

An Eastern student Feb. 3 was taken into police custody for his alleged involvement in the strangulation death of freshman Andrea Will.

Justin Boulay, 20, of St. Charles, was arrested and charged with murder with the intent to injure or kill, according to a police report.

Charleston police officers discovered the body of Miss Will, 18, of Batavia, in the bedroom of Boulay's apartment.

Boulay was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and the charges allege that Boulay used a ligature to kill or cause bodily harm to Miss Will.

Miss Black EIU crowned

Heather Tyler, a freshman premedical major, was crowned the 1998 Miss

Tyler was one of four contestants of the 22nd Annual Miss Black EIU Pageant held on Feb. 28, 1998.

Five attacked outside bar

Five Eastern students were attacked Feb. 21, 1998 outside of Mother's Bar, 506 Monroe Ave., leaving one student in serious condition.

Paul Lechtenberg, a junior physical education major from Bloomingdale, was taken to Carle Clinic to undergo surgery after the three students were beaten with tire irons outside of the bar.

Lechtenberg was hit on the left side of his head and the blow "cracked his skull open," Kris Fairfield, a sophomore botany major and Lechtenberg's friend previously said.

The four other Eastern students who were injured during the attack were Rob Serio, a senior physical education major; Jonathan Ryan, a junior sociology major; Michael DeMarco and Jason Christeson, a freshman physical education major.

Two men were arrested in March for alleged involvement in the attack. Arthur Dixon, 23, of 503 Broadway No. 102 in Mattoon, was charged on March 4 with aggravated battery for allegedly whacking Lechtenberg. Fernando A. Gonzalez, 21, of 107 Ninth St., was charged on March 12 or 13 with aggravated battery. A warrant was issued and Gonzalez turned himself in.

Lechtenberg returned to Eastern in the fall of 1998 and said in September he is undergoing rehabilitation this semester for his right side, which was paralyzed.

Lechtenberg, Serio, Ryan and Christeson were all members of Eastern's

March

Abebe selected as VPAA

Teshome Abebe was selected as the vice president for academic affairs in March of 1998 and began his term July 1, 1998.

Abebe was previously the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Ferris State University in Michigan. He was selected for the position from a group of six finalists.

Tornado hits Mattoon

About 39 Mattoon residences were damaged March 28, 1998 after a tornado swept through the city and demolished homes and businesses in its path.

No tornado sirens were sounded because the wind tunnel was formed in the sky before it touched down and suddenly swooped down, bulldozing nine homes and five to six businesses.

The tornado was a block wide and was classified as an F1, which is 100 miles per hour winds. It also was a quarter of a mile in length and lifted up and dropped down several times for about five to 10

Carman Hall was the only one of nine residence halls evacuated because of the tornado warning.

Greek king, queen named

A greek king and queen were named March 30, 1998 during the Greek Awards and Coronation Ceremony in McAfee Gymnasium.

Jim Benster, a junior marketing major of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was the recipient of the crown for king. Andrea Smail, a junior speech communications major and member of Sigma Kappa sorority, was crowned queen.

April County sheriff shot

A Coles County sheriff's deputy was shot April 1, 1998 on Jefferson Avenue by an unidentified male who fled the scene on foot.

Bob Butler, 66, was reportedly shot once outside of Jefferson Arms McGowan Properties, 619 Jefferson Ave. Michael Jenkins, 27, of Mattoon, allegedly pulled his gun on Butler while inside the police car.

BOT hires search firm

Eastern's Board of Trustees hired an executive search firm for \$50,000 to aid in the search for the university's next president.

Heidrick and Struggles of Washington D.C. was hired to help with the identification of potential candidates. An 11member campus presidential search committee was appointed to assist the search firm with the selection process.

Kruse named new chair

University officials named Kipp Kruse, former chair of the zoology department, as the biological sciences chair April 9, 1998.

Kruse began his position on July 1, the same day the consolidations of Eastern's botany and zoology departments

Zielinski elected president

Steve Zielinski, a junior business major, was elected April 22, 1998 as student body president, taking 85 percent of

Zielinski defeated Colin Brady, a senior political science major, by a vote of 790-142. Liz Halbert, a sophomore speech com-

munications major, was elected student vice president for public affairs over Melissa Girten, a junior political science major, by a vote of 505-456. Mike Hansen, a freshman marketing

and computer business major, defeated Matt Layette, a junior political science major and member of the United Students Party, for the position of student vice president for financial affairs by a vote of 539-421.

400 union members picket

About 400 union members joined efforts April 26, 1998 to picket the administration's failure to increase the wages of Eastern clerical/technical workers and the possibility of subcontracting the work of building service workers outside the dedication ceremony of Buzzard Hall.

Members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. the University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, Trailmobile, union members for the University of Illinois local chapter and Champaign local chapter as well as children and students joined in on the informational picket.

June

Edgar approves increase

Gov. Jim Edgar approved a 6.9 percent budget increase for Eastern, bringing the fiscal year 1999 budget to more than \$68.4 million.

Friends mourn student

Memorial services were held for a 21year-old Eastern student, who died of a self-inflicted wound to the head.

Thomas Allen Bonine, a senior graphic design major from Geneva, was found dead on June 21 at his apartment, 1509 Second Street.

Courtyard plans set

The university announced plans to build a commemorative courtyard between McAfee Gymnasium and the

The courtyard, which will cost \$150,000, will feature a clock tower and a veranda. The project is being built in conjunction with the EIU Foundation to raise money for scholarships. The initial funding came in the form of a loan from the president's budget.

For \$100 dollars, donors can have their names engraved on an 8 by 4 inch brick. For \$250, donors can have their names engraved on a 16 by 16 inch brick. Donations are also being taken for the clock tower and the veranda.

Stewart new associate VP

Shirley Stewart, director of student services and career services, was selected as the associate vice president for student affairs. Her new duties, which will be in conjunction with those she currently has as director of student and career services include taking charge of the student affairs office in the absence of the vice president; representing the office at various university functions, coordinating the area's strategic planning initiative and other functions.

Triad closes; 13 laid off

Eastern announced plans for the reorganization of its dining service program. Steps taken included the closure of one of six dining centers- the Gregg Triadon campus and the layoff of 13 food service administrators.

Carman Hall R.A. dies

Police investigated the death of

Bradley Lee Wright, a senior psychology

major and Carman Hall resident assistant.

The 22-year-old from Decatur, who

died June 28, 1998, had complained of a

severe headache the morning of his

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death. He was later found in the living

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Foundation officer moved

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EIU Foundation was reassigned by East-

ern President David Jorns to the campus

Barbara "Bobbie" Hilke began her

assistant program on Aug. 28, said Uni-

new position as director of the night

the Print Center, Booth Library, the

Department, Health Services and Phar-

copiers, laundry facilities, on-campus

of Mr. Wright's death is still under inves-

Under the new plan, the remaining dining centers - one each in Carman, Thomas, Taylor, Stevenson and Pemberton Halls - will each be assigned an assistant director.

July

Nilsen named acting VP Eastern President David Jorns

appointed Jill Nilsen, then-special assistant to the president, as the acting vice president for external relations

Nilsen will be responsible for the Board of Trustees, governmental relations, marketing, media relations, planning and institutional studies, university publications, the university radio and television stations and special events. Nilsen will serve as acting vice presi-

dent until a permanent replacement is found. A national search will be conducted after the new president is selected.

AFSCME contract signed

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved a contract with almost 200 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 981 Building Service/Food Service Workers that allows for a 3 percent wage increase for all 200 AFSCME employees involved in the settlement retroactive to Sept. 14, 1997, and an additional 3 percent effective Sept. 14, 1998. The new contract will cost the university an estimated \$149,500 and \$149,000 for fiscal year s 1998 and 1999. Eastern negotiated a labor agreement with the union for 11 months and was twice assisted by a federal mediator.

versity Police Chief Tom Larson.

nical workers and the possibility of subcontracting the work of building service workers at the the dedication ceremony of Buzzard Hall.

Bar-entry age debated

Four years after the Charleston City Council voted to raise the bar-entry age to 21, Eastern Student Body President Steve Zielinski pushed for a new city ordinance to allow students to be able to enter a bar at the age of 19. The City Council denied all requests to lower the legal entry age.

About 400 union members, their friends and families joined efforts in a picket for the administration's failure to increase the wages of Eastern clerical/tech-

Homemade 'bombs' found

Eastern officials distributed Panther Two suspected homemade bombs were confiscated from Carman Hall and few route changes, the Panther Express Cards to all students upon their return to school. The cards work very much like a debit card, except the Panther Card's by the University Police Department. and Mattoon on Dec. 1. debit function actually works off a small Five Eastern students later confessed to placing the "bombs" as a prank. No computer chip called a "smart chip" which is included on the card's face. charges were filed. Electronic cash stored on the smart

October Bill Cosby performs Comedian Bill Cosby, on Oct. 31, vis-

its Eastern's Lantz Gymnasium to perform two sold out shows for Family Weekend

November

Spoo hospitalized

Eastern football coach Bob Spoo was listed in stable condition on Nov. 16 at Covenant Medical Center in Urbana after suffering a minor heart attack. Coach Spoo is recovering on schedule and has returned to work on a limited basis.

UB loan approved

The Apportionment Board Nov. 19,

unanimously agreed to loan the University Board \$17,329.12 to reimburse recent concert losses and also voted to give the UB an additional \$4,000 to use for more

Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Parity

The loan will help pay off the UB's \$18,000 concert debt that was acquired last semester from low Carrot Top performance ticket sales.

December

Shuttle bus begins rounds After a ribbon cutting ceremony and a

and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house made its first rounds through Charleston

Surles named president After months

of interviews and searching, Eastern's Board of Trustees Dec. 9, unanimously voted to hire Carol Dianne Surles as Eastern's eighth president. The university will now be led by its first female African American presi-

Carol Diann Surles

dent beginning March 1, 1999

1,000 receive diplomas

On Dec. 12, more than 1,000 Eastern students received their diplomas and ended their stays at Eastern.





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Personals

Thank you everyone for making my college years so memorable. I will miss you all. Especially: Shannon, Amy, Jana, Dave, Emily, Gina, Tranel, Schultz, Greg, Vince, Scott, and Chico. Love, Christen.

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Welcome Back Students

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Men's team cruises at ISU

By Jarrett Wells Staff writer

The men's track team traveled to Bloomington Saturday to participate in the Illinois State Open. Aside from Eastern and Illinois State, other participating schools were Southeast Missouri State, Western Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin at Parkside.

The meet was scored as a double dual meet, and Eastern defeated all three Illinois schools. Eastern beat Western by a score of 107-13; it defeated Southeast Missouri 88-32 and it defeated Illinois State by the score of 68-55.

Coach Tom Akers was for the most part pleased with his team's performance.

"I was pretty pleased with the team's overall performance," Akers said. "I was hesitant going into the meet because I didn't know whether or not we would be ready for competition."

Several members of the team caught Akers' eye by turning in solid performances.

In the field events, both John Davis and Dave Astrauskas threw over fifty feet in the

weight throw. "Both John and Dave turned in solid performances, and I was pleased with that," Akers said.

In the high jump, Ruffner Francis and Justin Young placed third and fourth place, respectively. The marks both Francis and Young turned in equaled those from the Early Bird meet in December.

"High jump was an area of concern for us going into the season, but Ruffner and Justin are really helping us," Akers said. In the running events, Eastern boasted three individual champions and a relay champion. The individual champions for Eastern were Jarrod Macklin in the 400-meter dash, Chad White in the 600-meter dash and Marcus Carter in the 800-meter dash. "All three of those guys ran excellent races for their wins,"Akers said.

The 4 x 400-meter relay team also posted a win for Eastern. The team consisted of Macklin, White, Carter and Aundra Williams.

Men's

Although neither Eric Hill or Jason Bialka posttrack & field ed victories, each caught Akers' eye for their per-

"Eric ran a faster 600-meter dash on Saturday than he did at our Early Bird meet," Akers said.

Bialka had a strong third-place finish in the mile run.

"Illinois State has a good distance crew, so Jason ran a really good race against some good competition," Akers said. So far, with two meets already done with, Akers said he is fairly pleased with his team's performance.

"After the Early Bird meet, I was very pleased with our team," Akers said. "I was not as pleased after this

Akers attributes some of team's performance on Saturday to the semester break.

"It was easy to tell the guys who rested over break from those that kept up with their training," Akers said. "We didn't have enough people making the commitment we needed

Craft happy with Saturday's results

By Kyle Bauer Associate Sports Editor

The women's track team tried to shake off the rust of a three-week break when they traveled to the Illinois State Open in Bloomington on Saturday.

The Panthers eased back into action with a non-scored meet against Southwest Missouri State, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the host Redbirds. After a three-week break where the weather prevented many of the athletes from keeping up with a regular training schedule, the nonscored meet was a good way to get back into action.

"The women fared well," Panther head coach John Craft said. "We were off for three weeks and the weather made training difficult. I was just happy to get back and get some competition under our belt."

Candy Phillips led the way for Eastern by turning in two first-place finishes. Phillips was a double-

Women's track & field

winner in the 55-meter high hurdles and the high jump.

Keri Davis turned in solid performances in sprint races, finishing third in the 200-meter dash and then following up with a fifth place performance in the 400-meter dash.

Sue Langer made sure the distance team did its part by finishing second in the 1-mile run and fourth in the 3000-meter run. Not to be outdone by the runners, Keisha Dunlap took second in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

Eastern will now have a full week to prepare for its next meet this Saturday at the University of Illinois at Champaign.

"I look forward to training. We now have time to be able to work," Craft said. "Things will start to progress the way they should."

Women drop to 3-10

By Gabe Rosen Staff writer

The women's basketball team fell behind early Saturday in Murfreesboro, Tenn., dropped the game and fell to 3-10 on the sea-

Eastern junior center Leah Aldrich led the Panthers with 22 points and junior guard Angie Patzner added 13 points in the loss.

The Panthers fell behind 2-0 early off the first basket of the game, which came in the form of a jumper in the key by Middle forward Bama Burrell. The Panthers never saw the lead after that early basket.

Middle built their lead throughout the game with a balanced scoring attack and a pressing defense that translated into turnovers for the visiting Panthers.

Middle was led in scoring by Jamie Thomatis, who had 17 points for the game. Bama Burrell and Cyndi Ainsworth each added 14 points for Middle as well.

At the half, Middle led the Panthers by the score of 48-32 and the Panthers were unable Women's hoops

to cut into the lead at all for the rest of the game. "Middle Tennessee

came out really fast," Panther head coach John Klein said. "They play a strong half court pressure defense. That immediately took us right out of our offense. They took advantage of our turnovers and even when we could score they were able to come back quickly and score on us.

The Panthers are looking forward to a five game home stretch to get back on track.

"We've played a lot of games on the road and you just have to get off to a better start on the road. The five game home stretch coming up should help," Klein said.

The Panthers also were not 100 percent going into Saturday's game at Middle Tennessee State said Klein.

"We need to get healthy," Klein said. "We've had a couple of kids not being able to play with the flu and even some of the players in the game had the flu. If our kids get rested and everybody gets healthy that will help

Combes places at Midlands

By Jason Randall Staff writer

The Eastern wrestling team managed to compete in the Midlands tournament in Evanston on Dec. 29-30 over the break before the winter storm kept them out of the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb. on Jan. 9.

The Midlands tournament, which is considered the top holiday collegiate wrestling tournament, proved to be difficult for the Panthers as the only Eastern wrestler to place was senior Tom Combes,

'Combes had a great first day," said head coach Ralph McCausland. along with a couple of other guys came down with a bit of the flu, and it hurt their performance."

Zach Derrico and Mike Russow each finished the tournament at 3-2 and missed placing by one match and Don Pool went

"The Midlands is basically a mininational tournament," Mc-Causland said. "It was great experience for everyone, with

Panther • wrestling

it being such an intense event." McCausland

was a bit disap-

pointed with the team's performance, but is not looking into it too hard. He said that everyone has been training very hard and is keeping a positive attitude.

"It's hard to go home for a while during the break, then have to go back and compete at a top level," McCausland said. "We now have to get back into the right mind set and prepare for our major duals.'

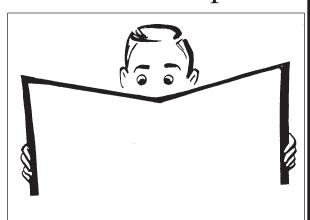
This weekend, Eastern will be on the road for a pair of dual meets at Northern Illinois on Jan. 15, and Northern Iowa on Jan. 16. To replace the Great Plains Open, the Panthers will wrestle on Jan. 23 at the Miami Open in Oxford, Ohio.

"Other than the Miami tournament, the rest of our meets are very important duals leading up to the regionals," McCausland

"It will be important for us to keep working hard and put together strong performances night in and night out."

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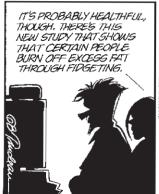


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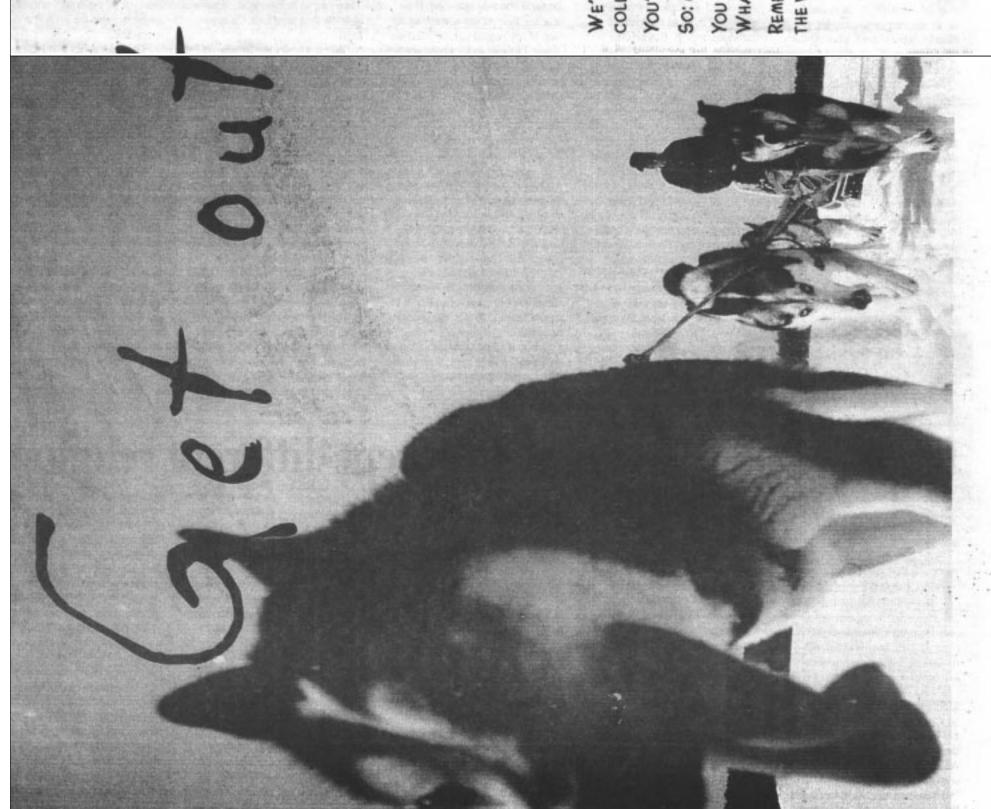
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Kansas St. 82, Texas Tech 63 Marshall 76, Akron 67

Michigan St. 81, Michigan 67

Minnesota 75, Penn St. 60 N. Iowa 69, Illinois St. 59

Northwestern 59. Illinois 46

S. Illinois 63. Indiana St. 62

Ohio St. 73, Indiana 56

Oakland, Mich. 68, Chicago St. 61

EIU CALENDAR

Today

Tuesday

4:45 p.m. - Women's basketball vs Tennessee State (Lantz Gym)
7:05 p.m. – Men's basketball vs. Tennessee State (Lantz Gym)

NFL

AFC Divisional Playoff Jets 34, Jagaurs 24

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First downs	14	29
Rushes-yards	22-95	39-151
Passing	156	278
Punt Returns	2-(-3)	1-4
Kickoff Returns	7-158	4-59
Interceptions Ret.	1-1	3-40
Comp-Att-Int	12-31-3	24-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-6
Punts	3-37.0	2-34.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-38
Time of Possession	20:44	39:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Jacksonville, Taylor 20-86. Brunell 2-9. New York, C.Martin 36 124, K.Johnson 2-28, Testaverde 1-

PASSING-Jacksonville, Brunell 12-31-3-156. New York, Testaverde 24-36-1-

RECEIVING-Jacksonville, J.Smith 5-104. McCardell 4-32. Mitchell 2-13. Banks 1-7, New York, K.Johnson 9 121, C.Martin 6-58, Chrebet 4-45, Byars 2-11, Ward 1-18, Brady 1-17, Meggett 1-14.

MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

NFC Divisional Playoff Vikings 41, Cardinals 21

	AII	IVIII	
First downs	23	26	
Rushes-yards	23-74	36-188	
Passing	242	228	
Punt Returns	1-36	1-2	
Kickoff Returns	3-66	4-97	
Interceptions Ret.	1-47	2-46	
Comp-Att-Int	23-41-2 1	17-28-1	
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-8	
Punts	2-36.0	1-44.0	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0	
Penalties-Yards	13-68	9-38	
Time of Possession	26:24	33:36	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			

RUSHING - Arizona, Murrell 15-62, Plummer 4-9, Bates 4-3. Minnesota R.Smith 19-124, Hoard 11-44, Palmer 2-13, Cunningham 3-6, Evans 1-1 PASSING - Arizona, Plummer 23-41 2-242. Minnesota, Cunningham 17-27

1-236, Palmer 0-1-0-0. RECEIVING – Arizona, Moore 6-91, Centers 6-45, Sanders 4-30, Murrell 3-52, Metcalf 2-9, Gedney 1-8, McWilliams 1-7. Minnesota, Carter 5-82. Moss 4-73. Glover 3-22. Palmer 2-29, R.Smith 2-14, Hoard 1-16. MISSED FIELD GOALS – None.

NHL

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Tampa Bay 21 85 WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	120	110
St. Louis	39	102	93
Nashville	32	94	121
*Chicago	28	87	129
North	west Divi	sion	
	Pts	GF	GA
*Colorado	38	96	104
Edmonton	37	113	109
*Vancouver	31	104	123
Calgary	29	102	127
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	Pts	GF	GA
*Dallas	56	113	72
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Anaheim 40 Los Angeles 34 96 87 34 Sunday's Results
*Late Games Not Included N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 2 Florida 2, Calgary 1 Anaheim 6. Edmonton 3 Colorado at Chicago Dallas at Vancouver

Saturday's Results

Toronto 6, Boston 3 Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 2 Washington 3, New Jersey 2 Philadelphia 2, Carolina 0 Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1 Chicago 3, Nashville 3, tie Edmonton 1, Los Angeles 1, tie Buffalo 2, San Jose 2, tie

Today's games
St. Louis at Montreal, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m. Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Nashville at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m. Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m. Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE

Men's Basketball

Sunday's results EAST
Pittsburgh 86, Boston College 70 Maryland 94, N.C. State 48

Duke 115, Virginia 69 SOUTH Florida 72, Georgia 62 MIDWEST Wisconsin 61, Purdue 56 Louisville 95. South Florida 74

Colgate 69, Army 49 Columbia 72, Harvard 62 Connecticut 80, West Virginia 45 George Washington 93, La Salle 75 Georgetown 75, Providence 70 Northeastern 74, New Hampshire 67 Princeton 66, Yale 33 St. John's 86, Seton Hall 75 St. Joseph's 78, Virginia Tech 60 Temple 70, Fordham 65

Auburn 73, LSU 70 Coppin St. 69, Bethune-Cookman 50 E. Tennessee St. 82, Davidson 75 Florida St. 75, Georgia Tech 56 Georgia Southern 60, Furman 57 Georgia St. 81, Cent. Florida 76 Kentucky 73, Vanderbilt 57 Mississippi St. 55, Alabama 50 Notre Dame 71, Miami 68 Tennessee 86. South Carolina 57 Wake Forest 64, Clemson 61
MIDWEST

Ball St. 59. E. Michigan 42 Butler 60, Wright St. 53 Cleveland St. 79, Loyola, III. 72 DePaul 75. Marguette 60 Detroit 70, III.-Chicago 42 Drake 66. Bradlev 63 Evansville 81. Wichita St. 73

SOUTH

Cent. Florida 93, Georgia St. 76 Florida A&M 30, Morgan St. 24 Northwestern St. 68, Lamar 53 SOUTHWEST

Valparaiso 83, Youngstown St. 76, OT W. Michigan 69, N. Illinois 68 SOUTHWEST Mississippi 76, Arkansas 65 Missouri 96, Texas A&M 91 Oklahoma 89, Colorado 75

Oklahoma St. 76, Baylor 63 FAR WEST Arizona 88, Washington 86 Arizona St. 91, Washington St. 63 Gonzaga 83, Pepperdine 52 N. Arizona 82, Portland St. 52 New Mexico 82, Hawaii 59 Stanford 71, California 62 UCLA 65. Oregon 63 UNLV 91, Air Force 58

Ohio Valley Conference

Standings			
	Conf. C	Overal	
Southeast Missouri	6-0	9-5	
Murray State	5-0	13-2	
Eastern Illinois	4-2	9-7	
Tennessee State	3-2	6-6	
Morehead State	3-3	6-8	
Austin Peay	2-3	4-8	
Middle Tenn.	2-3	4-11	
Tennessee Tech	1-4	5-8	
TennMartin	1-4	3-9	
Eastern Kentucky	0-6	1-13	
Saturday's results			

Morehead State 92, Tenn. State 76 Austin Peay 78, Eastern Kentucky 57 Murray State 87 Tenn - Martin 58 Eastern Illinois 75, Middle Tenn. 73 Southeast Missouri 64. Tenn. Tech 51

Tuesday's games
Tenn. St. at Eastern Illinois, 7:05 p.m. Morehead St. at Murray St. 7:30 p.m. Austin Peay at SEMO 7:30 p.m. E.Kentucky at Tenn.-Martin, 7:30 p.m Middle Tenn. at Tenn. Tech, 8 p.m.

Eastern 75, Middle Tennessee 73

EIU (75) – Polite 9-16 1-2 4 23; Hibbler 3-5 0-0 5 6; Shaver 1-1 0-0 5 2; Owens 4-10 2-2 2 13: Hill 6-12 4-6 3 18; Ktistou 0-1 0-0 0 0; Joseph 2-3 0-0 3 5; Forrest 2-4 0-2 3 4; Sharp 0-1 0-0 1 0; Smith 2-2 0-0 3 4 Technical fouls: none. Totals: 29-55 7-12 30 75 MTSU (73) - Mcahee 1-6 0-0 2 3:

Thomas 6-6 0-0 5 12; Nosse 4-11 1-3 5 9; White 0-1 0-0 1 0; Duncan 4-8 4-4 4 14; Ayer 0-0 0-0 0 0; Wallace 9-14 2-2 3 23; King 4-7 0-0 3 10; Marshall 0-0 0-0 0 0: Cobb 1-1 0-0 1 2. Technical fouls: none. Totals: 29-54 7-9 25 73 A-2,723

Women's Basketball

Sunday's results

Allegheny 64, Earlham 56 Boston College 75, Georgetown 66 Canisius 71, Marist 66, OT Chicago 61, Haverford 41 Fairfield 102, Manhattan 87 George Mason 69, Richmond 64 Pittsburgh 63, Miami 61 Syracuse 81, Villanova 59 Tennessee 92. Connecticut 81

Auburn 64, Vanderbilt 55 Clemson 61, Georgia Tech 56 Georgia 73, LSU 60 Louisville 84. South Florida 64 Memphis 66, Southern Miss. 64 Mississippi 60, Kentucky 57 Mississippi St. 69, South Carolina 66 North Carolina 87, Maryland 58

MIDWEST Cincinnati 93, Houston 87, OT Illinois 74, Northwestern 55 Indiana 69 Wisconsin 65 Marquette 65, Saint Louis 54

Swimmers went south for 'training'

relay team.

took sixth in his division.

Saturday's results

Campbell 71, Stetson 56 Fla International 83. New Orleans 56

Oklahoma St. 59, Baylor 55 Texas 80. Nebraska 75 Texas Southern 56, Jackson St. 44 Texas Tech 73, Kansas St. 60 FAR WEST

Arizona St. 63, Washington St. 54 Brigham Young 57, Utah 53 Fresno St. 76, San Jose St. 48 Portland 77, Loyola Marymount 50 Portland St. 81, N. Arizona 72 St. Mary's, Cal. 75, San Francisco 64 UNLV 82, Air Force 57

Ohio Valley Conference

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Tennessee-Martin	4-1	9-4	
Middle Tenn St.	4-1	8-8	
Tennessee Tech	4-1	8-8	
SE Missouri St.	4-2	9-4	
Eastern Ky.	4-2	7-6	
Tennessee St.	2-3	6-6	
Austin Peay	2-3	3-10	
Murray St.	1-4	2-11	
Eastern Illinois	1-5	3-10	
Morehead St.	1-5	3-10	
Saturday's Results			

Middle Tenn. 99. Eastern Illinois 63 Morehead St. 85, Tenn. State 75 E. Kentucky. 88, Austin Peay 70 Tenn.-Martin 64, Murray St. 62 Tenn. Tech 82, SEMO 64

Tuesday's Games Tenn. St. at Eastern, 4:45 p.m. Morehead St. at Murray St., 5:30 p.m Austin Peay at SEMO, 5:30 p.m. E. Kentucky at Tenn.-Martin, 5:30 p.m. Middle Tenn. at Tenn. Tech, 5:45 p.m.

Middle Tennessee 99. Eastern 63

MTSU (99) — Burrell 3-4 8-10 5 14; Chaistain 2-5 0-0 4 6; Buck 2-4 0-0 4 5; Lufkin 4-8 2-3 2 11; Neeley 2-2 3-4 2 8; Mcclure 1-5 0-0 5 2; Elder 2-3 3-4 2 9 Perkins 1-3 0-0 5 2; Ainsworth 5-5 4-5 1 14; Thomatis 6-9 5-6 4 17; Winfree 3-7 2-4 1 8; Carter 1-1 0-0 0 2; Conner 0-0 1-2 0 1. Technical Fouls: none. Totals: 32-56 28-38 36 99.

EIU (63) – Schaul 1-6 2-2 0 4; Russell 1-6 1-2 8 3; Aldrich 9-16 3-3 9 22; Mcshane 2-7 0-0 0 5; Patzner 4-4 3-3 6 13: Moore 2-12 2-2 5 6: Bernat 1-7 0-0 3 3; Dada 2-4 0-1 2 4; Dowell 1-3 0-0 2 3. Technical Fouls: none. Totals 23-65

Men's Track

at Illinois State Open Teams Participating: Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, Southeast Missouri State, Illinois State, Wisconsin-

Top Eastern finishers 55 meter dash- 4. Gabe Spezia 6.59;

200 meter dash- 2. Aundra Williams 23.01; 400 meter dash- 1. Jarrod Macklin 49.76: 600 meter dash- 1. Chad White 1:22.70, 4. Eric Hill 1:24.97, 5. Eric Espinosa 1:27.00; 800 meter dash- 1. Marcus Carter 1:56.12, 3. Steve Edwards 2:00.90, 5. Chris Wood 2:02.57: Mile Run- 3. Jason Bialka 4:24.08; 3,000 meter Run- 4. Jason Bialka 9:02.64; 55 meter high hurdles- 2. Terrance Roberts 7.93,3. Eric Hill 7.94, 4. Gabe Spezia 7.97; 4 x400 Relay- 1. Eastern 3:21.40; High Jump- 3. Ruffner Francis 6'08", 4. Justin Young 6'06"; Pole Vault- 1.Aaron Gregory 12'06"; Long Jump- 2. Ruffner Francis 20'10.50"; Triple Jump- 3. Justin Young 44'09.00"; Shot Put- 2. Dave Astrauskas 48'00", 4. John Davis 44'08.75", 5. Paul Ryndak 43'08.50"; Weight Throw- 3. John Davis 52'05.25".

Women's Track

at Illinos State Open Teams Participating: Eastern Illinois Western Illinois, Southeast Missouri State, Illinois State, Wisconsin-Parkside

Top Eastern finishers 55 meter dash- 2. Catara Mabry 7.25;

200 meter dash- 1. Catara Mabry 26.18, 3. Keri Davis 26.58; 400 meter dash- 5. Keri Davis 1:00.91; 800 meter dash- 2. Lisa Klingler 2.22.54, 5. Jodi Milsa 2:26.34; Mile run- 2. Susan Langer 5:20.71; 3,000 meter run- 4. Susan Langer 10:58.86; 55 meter high hurdles- 1. Candy Phillips 8.42; 4 x 400 meter relay- 5. Eastern 4:13.41; Weight Throw- 2 Keisha Dunlan 51'08 50" High Jump- 1. Candy Phillips 5'08", 4. Cynthia McGee 5'04"; Long Jump- 2. Shavon Alexander 18'00"; Triple Jump 3. Marissa Busche 36'04", 4. Shavon Alexander 34'11"; Shot Put- 3. Keisha Dulap 42'11.75".

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – Signed P Tony Martino to a two-year contract. ST. LOUIS RAMS - Announced the resignation of Ed White, offensive line coach, to assume the same job at the University of California.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – Announced the retirement of DE Chris Doleman. Announced the resignation of Larry Thrailkill, interim team president. Announced interim general manager John McVay will oversee club operations pending the appointment of a permanent replacement for club president.

HOCKEY National Hockey League PRÉDATORS NASHVILLE Assigned D Kimmo Timonen to Milwaukee of the IHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Assigned C. John Madden to Albany of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES – Recalled D Jason Doig, C Trevor Letowski and C Rob Murray from Springfield of the AHL. Reassigned G Scott Langkow to Utah of the IHL and LW Louie DeBrusk to Long Beach of the IHL. Terminated its limited affiliation with Las Vegas of the IHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS_Traded G Felix Potvin and a 1999 sixth-round draft pick to the New York Islanders for D Bryan Berard and a 1999 sixth-round draft pick COLLEGE

ALABAMA - Signed Mike DuBose, football coach, to a two-year contract extension through February 2003. DRAKE – Announced women's bas-ketball G Sally Spooner will transfer to

ON THIS DAY

1970 - The AFL won its second straight Super Bowl as the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings 23 7 behind Len Dawson's quarterbacking and Jan Stenerud's three field goals. 1973 – The American League adopt-

ed the designated hitter rule. 1981 – Jim Plunkett completed 14 of 18 passes for 261 yards and two touch-downs, leading the Oakland Raiders to 34-27 victory over the San Diego Chargers. The Raiders were the first AFC wild-card team to advance to the Super Bowl

1984 - The Denver Nuggets beat the San Antonio Spurs 163-155 in the highest scoring regulation NBA game. 1987 – John Elway led the Denver Broncos to a 23-20 overtime victory over the Cleveland Browns to win the AFC championship. Elway capped a 15-play, 98-yard drive with a 5-yard TD pass to Mark Jackson to tie the score with 37 seconds remaining. Rich Karlis kicked a 33-yard field goal in overtime

light of this meet was the

first place finish by the women's 400-yard freestyle

Sophomore Amanda Dore finished third in the sopho-

more division while fellow sophomore Nick Smit

Padovan said. "I thought we swam well and were suc-

cessful. Overall, I am happy with the whole trip. We

In the second meet, the Ocean Mile Swim,

'It was primarily training with some competition,"

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By Kyle Bauer East/West Meet, was most-**Swimming** Associate sports editor & diving ____ The men and women both took fifth place. The high-

In an attempt to escape the harsh Charleston winter, the men's and women's swimming teams migrated south for a week, but it did have a purpose. The teams competed in the Ft. Lauderdale College swim

Head coach Ray Padovan and the rest of the team used the meet mainly as a training tool, but did run into some good competition.

The forum was divided into a format of two bigger meets with several other mini-meets also scheduled.

Eastern chose to compete in only the bigger meets. The first of those meets, the Kennedy Memorial

got in the training we wanted."

catch it square up and shoot," Samuels said. "He hits the open

Middle Tennessee (4-11, 2-3) used three-point shooting from Cedrick Wallace (23 points) and Gerald King to cut the lead down to seven with three minutes remaining.

"This one will loom large," Samuels said. "Middle will get going, and some people are going to

Notes: Merv Joseph hit his first trey in an Eastern uniform, beating the shot clock with 7:17 remaining in the second half ... "Do you know what is amazing about that is when kids have to square up and let it go how often it goes in," Samuels said ... The Panthers shot a blistering 56 percent from beyond the arc going 10 of 18 in the contest ... Marc Polite was 4-of-8, Jack Owens was 3-of-5, Hill was 2-of-4 and Joseph connected on his only three-point

Streak

from Page 12

ting the stage for Hill's heroics.

"We just told our guys to jump out of bounds and let's go," Samuels said. "Hill got up here and saw a lot of traffic and backed away." Junior Marc Polite's 23 points paced the Panthers which have won their last four games and moved Eastern, which had a 33-27 lead at the half, into third place in the conference.

"When (Polite) cuts hard he will jump shots."

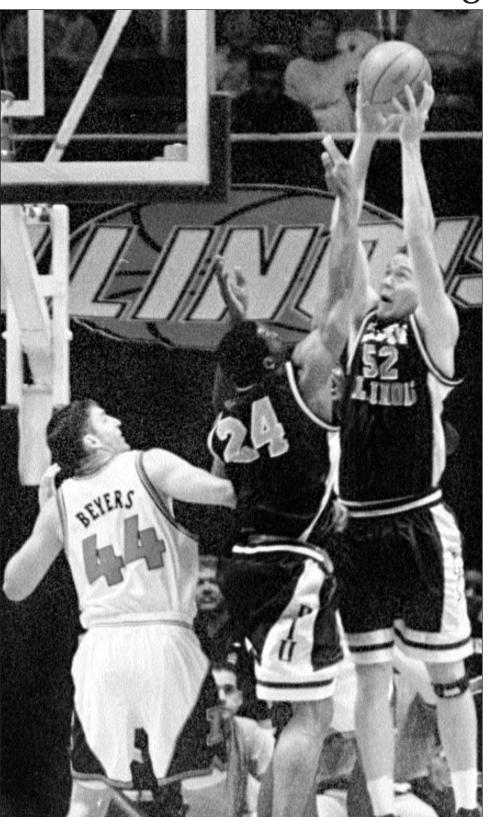
lose to Tennessee Tech."

Check out the new scoreboard. Page 11 Women's hoops still struggling. Page 9 Wrestlers get partially snowed out. Page 9

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Last-second heroics save streak

Panthers finish break on four-game OVC tear



Chad Merda / Staff photographer

Eastern's Merv Joseph (24) and Luke Sharp go up for a rebound in Eastern's 70-67 loss to Illinois on Dec. 12 at Assembly Hall. The Panthers started out the season 4-5, but have managed to turn things around by going 5-2, with one of those losses being a 78-74 defeat against Northern Arizona

By David Pump Staff writer

Eastern and host Middle Tennessee State appeared to be headed for overtime Saturday night after sophomore Kyle Hill missed a jumper with five seconds remaining, but the ball was tipped in at the buzzer giving the Panthers (9-7, 4-2) a 75-73 victory.

Forward John Smith was awarded the basket, but Eastern's players mauled

"It was me that tipped it in," Hill said. I tried to loft it over a defender and John tipped it up. There were three guys around me."

Eastern coach Rick Samuels also thought Hill scored the deciding basket.

"It was hard to say, but I thought Kyle Hill was probably the one (that tipped it in)," MISU Samuels said in a



radio interview. "I think Hill, if anybody, from our team, got a hand on it. But maybe their guy (Lee Nosse), in a scramble to get the ball, knocked it in."

Pat Osterman, Eastern assistant sports information director, said after reviewing the tape, Hill tipped the ball in, but a final decision will be left up to Middle Tennessee to change the official

The win was the Panthers' first at Middle since Eastern joined the Ohio Valley Conference. Last season Eastern lost to the Raiders on a last-second three pointer by Freddie Martinez.

"It feels good since last year we lost on a three-pointer late in the game," Hill said. "It is good to win, and to be able to give them a taste of their own medicine.'

The Panthers pulled out to a 15-point lead with 12:48 left in the second half as Merv Joseph scored on a layup.

"We got a little too passive, and we were not attacking," Samuels said. "We were handling the ball too much in the half court instead of getting it in on their defense and trying to score."

Middle slowly cut into the Panthers' lead, and tied it at 73-all with nine seconds remaining, as guard Richard Duncan stole the ball from Michael Forrest and was fouled going to the basket. Duncan hit the two free throws, setting the stage for Hill's heroics.

Semester Breakdown

Current record: 9-7, 4-2 in Ohio Valley Conference.

■ The Panthers compiled a the Ohio Valley Conference.



5-2 record over break, including a 4-0 showing in conference play, putting them in third place.

At Hawaii Tournament (Dec. 18) **Game 1: EIU 73, Hawaii 72**

Kyle Hill led the comeback with his 21 points and a 15-footer with 16 seconds left to give Eastern a 73-70 lead. Hawaii's Casey Cartwright missed a 3-pointer as time ran out. The win put Eastern in the championship game against Northern

Game 2: N. Arizona 78. EIU 74

Hill's career-high 31 points couldn't save Eastern as Northern Arizona pulled away in the final minutes thanks to its free throw shooting. Eastern did manage to draw within one from a 13-point deficit in the second half.

At Illinois State (Dec. 29) **ISU 76, EIU 65**

The Panthers struggled early in the second half, making only 4-of-22 shots to start out. Eastern couldn't handle ISU's three big men – LeRoy Watkins, L. Dee Murdock and Sean Riley – as the y combined for 36 points and 27 of the Redbirds' 42 boards. Eastern had 25 turnovers with 16 of them in the first half.

At Lantz Gym (Jan. 2) EIU 86, Morehead State 82

Leading 75-60 at the 5:43 mark, Eastern gave up a 16-4 Morehead State run which cut the Panthers' lead to 79-76 with 45 seconds left. A Marc Polite free throw and layup in the closing seconds secured the Eastern win. Polite led the Panthers with 18 points.

At Lantz Gym (Jan. 4) EIU 71, Eastern Kentucky 56

Hill led the Panthers with 22 points, 18 of which came in the first half. Tied up at 34-all heading into the second half, Eastern used a 14-2 run early in the second to take the lead for good. The Colonels only made seven shots on 25.9 percent shooting in the second half.

At Tennessee Tech (Jan. 7) EIU 68, Tennessee Tech 63

The Eastern bench, mainly Michael Forrest and John Smith, played a key role - Forrest scored a season-high 14 points, including three free throws in the last minute to secure the win while Smith scored two straight baskets to give Eastern its first

Expect many changes with the new semester

ith the new semester comes new hope. Not only for students, but The Daily Eastern News sports section as well.

Starting today, you, the readers, will begin to notice a series of changes in the daily appearance and content of the sports section. As some may have already noticed, there's two new people running the operation in myself and associate sports editor Kyle Bauer.

First of all, with all the changes taking place, patience on the part of the reader is key. We haven't worked out all the kinks yet so it may be rough the first week or so. But in the end, we guarantee the sports section will be vastly improved, with a wider range of articles and more stories that are relevant to the student body as a whole.

Hopefully, everyone will have a reason to check it out on a daily basis.

As a senior, I realize there are many things that can be improved upon – and they will be.

For example, last year the sports staff began doing a weekly scoreboard page to satisfy the hardcore sports fans. Weekly was good, but having it every day is even



Chad Merda Sports editor e-mail: cuccm1@pen.eiu.edu

better. Not only will it have college standings and statistics, but it's been expanded to include pro sports and local intramural information.

Also, the scoreboard can be found every day on page 11 - not wherever we decide to throw it in. Making things easy to find on a daily basis is good.

As it always has been, the emphasis is still going to be on local sports news, although there will be some national stories on a daily

basis. But it's a well known fact The Daily Eastern News is not a main source for national news. What does appear in the paper will be on page 10, grouped together – not scattered about freely.

Readers will also find new graphics that accompany every story. Once again, this is a move to make it easier for the reader. No longer will someone have to wait until the fourth or fifth paragraph to figure out which Panther team one is reading about.

We'll also be launching a new weekly series in two weeks, called "What ever happened to...," which will run every Wednesday. It will be highlighting past Panther athletes and figure heads in the athletic department, and seeing what they're doing now. Hopefully it will bring a bit more color to the sports

Regular sports columns are making a comeback - Monday through Thursday. Expect to see intramurals getting more play

in the paper on a regular basis. As disappointing as it is, obviously not many students care very strongly about the intercollegiate athletics at Eastern, based on attendance at games. Many people are involved in intramurals, so coverage should be adjusted accordingly.

Club sports won't be left out in the cold, either. If you're in one, call us with results and it we will get in the paper the next day. No exceptions – and that's a promise.

But it's obvious we can't accomplish all of this by ourselves. We desperately need help. And a lot of it.

That's where everyone else comes into play. We need more writers; all the cliches apply – come one, come all, no experience necessary, etc. Anyone with a knowledge of sports and wants to write is more than welcome to join our staff.

It's as simple as calling us at 581-7944. I can't ever remember getting a job being