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Inside Students come home

Whether they worked or relaxed over break, most students are glad to be back.
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Men's basketball team closes out break with a four-game winning streak.
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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 a.m.

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 profile

patrons lessons on swing dancing.

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 Sunday's weather, although sunny, brought no relief from freezing temperatures. **More inside** Courtyard construction at a halt because of heavy snowfall. **Page 5**

Although some people had problems with the road conditions, most students had an uneventful drive.

"It wasn't bad at all," said Carsten Franck, a sophomore political science major from the quad cities.

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.

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 today.

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.

Snowstorm

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major from Naperville. "It was fine until we got onto the exit ramp on (Interstate) 57. It would be nice if they could plow or something."

Price said salt that is commonly dispersed on roads during winter weather is only effective to about 30 degrees, so many roads were dangerous for the trip back to Eastern.

Price warned of frigid wind chill factors that are dangerous to exposed skin.

"The wind chill factors were way below zero," he said. "It makes the temperature much more vicious."

Dr. Joseph Wall, medical director at Eastern's Health Services also alerted people to the effects of a wind combined with freezing tem-



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.

peratures.

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

Wall reminded people going

outside to wear thin layers of natural fibers to help prevent injuries.

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 /
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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 sites.

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 campus.

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 said.

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 said.

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 break.

"(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 submitted.

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 prosecution.

"(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 session."

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 2000.

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 improvements.

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 projects.

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 in Coleman Hall and the new chillers would replace the inefficient ones currently used in the system.

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Successful search

Eight 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

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

Harry S. Truman
33rd president of the United States, 1884-1972

Plowing coordinated by Chicken Little

I 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."

here. 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 bi-weekly 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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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.

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."

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 Knitch, a senior journalism major from Bedford Park, will serve as news editor. Knitch 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. 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.

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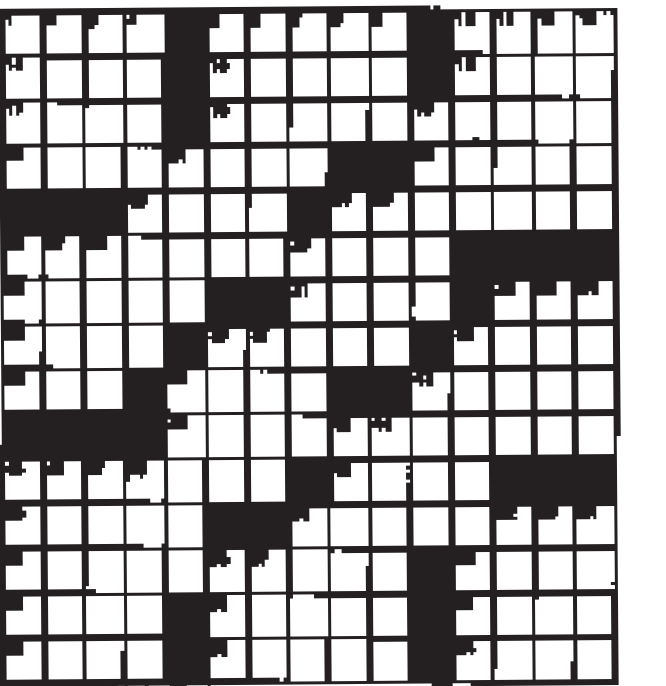
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Welcome Back Students

...from the *Daily Eastern News*

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.



Although neither Eric Hill or Jason Bialka posted victories, each caught Akers' eye for their performances.

"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 meet."

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 them to make."

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 non-scored 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-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 season.

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



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 also."

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, in sixth.

"Combes had a great first day," said head coach Ralph McCausland. "He, 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 2-2.

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



it being such an intense event."

McCausland was a bit disappointed 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.

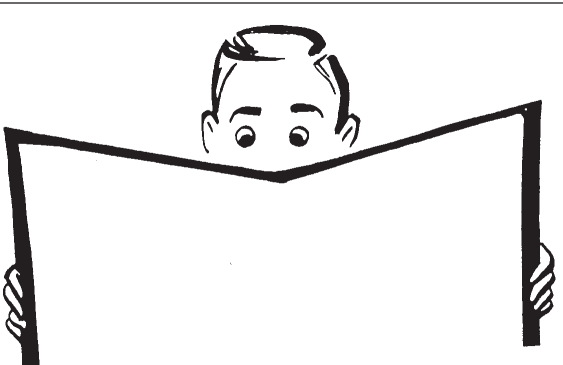
"Other than the Miami tournament, the rest of our meets are very important duals leading up to the regionals," McCausland said.

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

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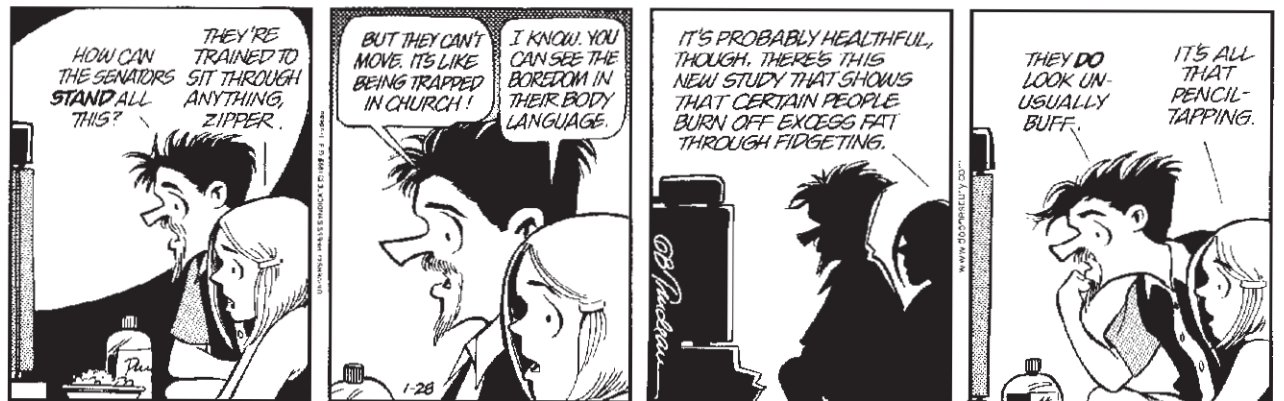
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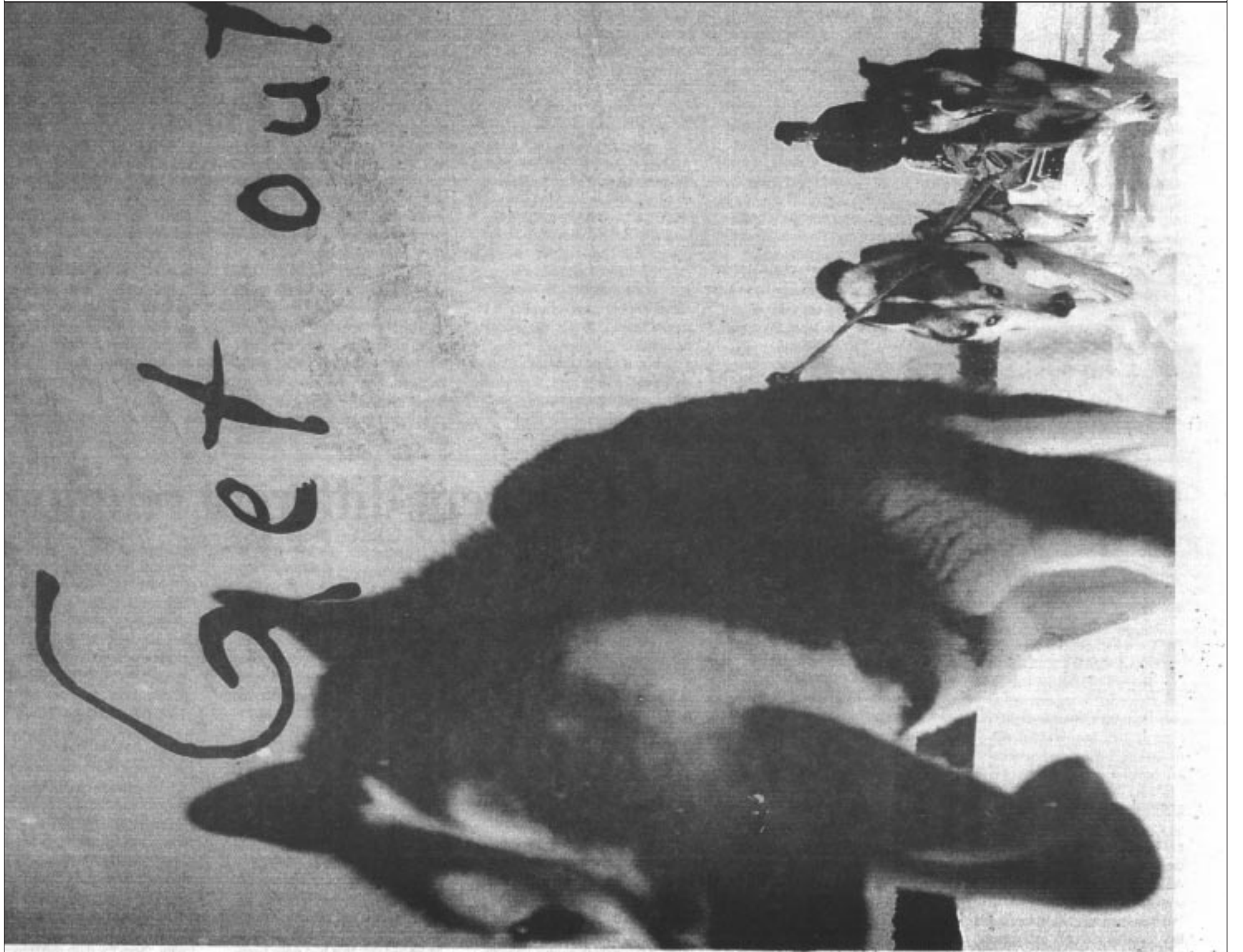
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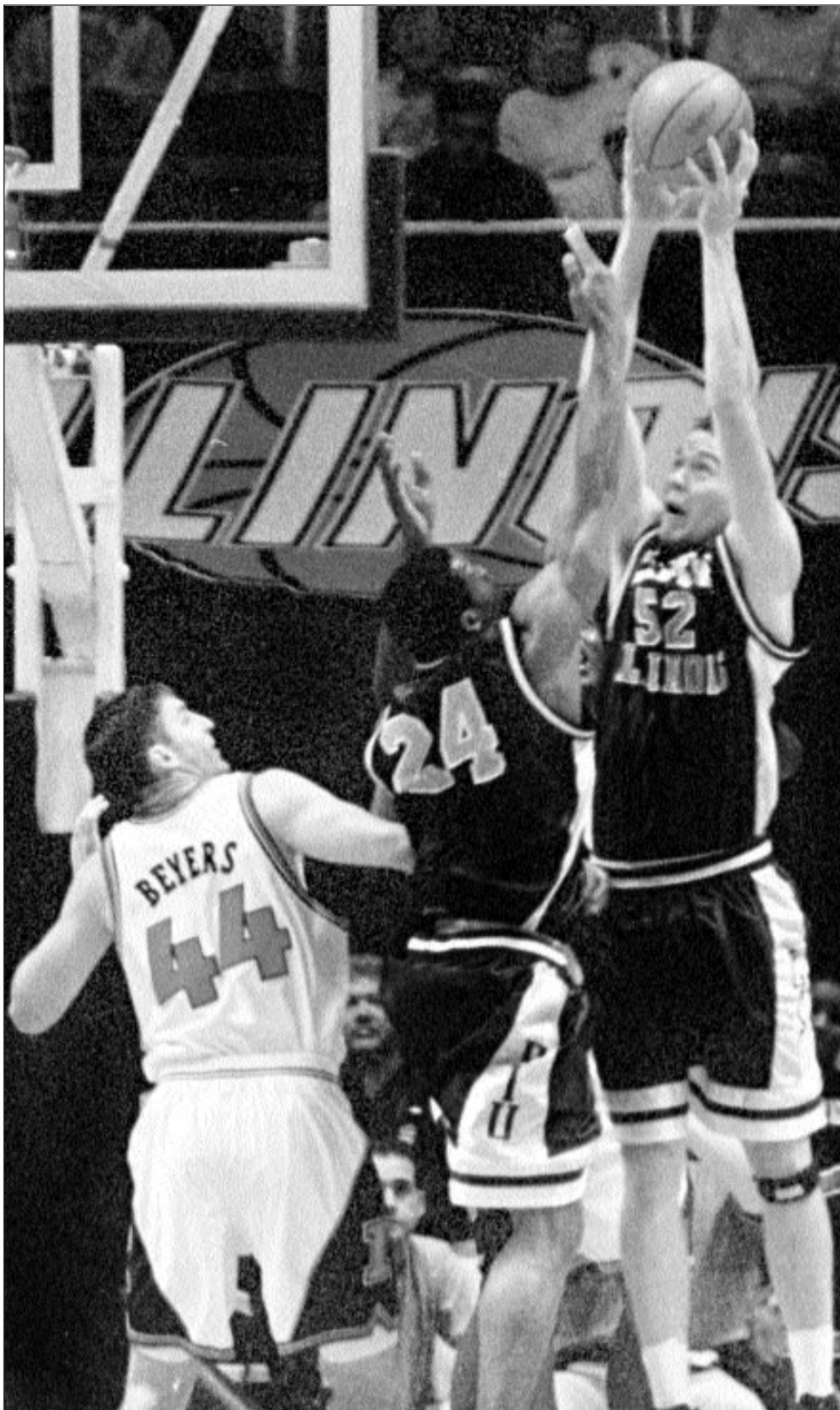
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Last-second heroics save streak

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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 in Hawaii.

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 Hill.

"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)," 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 score box.

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.

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Semester Breakdown

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

■ The Panthers compiled a 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 Arizona.

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 they 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 lead of the second half at 54-53 with eight minutes left.

Expect many changes with the new semester

With 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 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



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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 section.

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.

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