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U.S. Supreme Court denies Mertz

Defense decided to appeal death penalty

By Chris Essig
Senior City Reporter

The U.S. Supreme Court denied a request to hear Anthony Mertz's

case earlier this month.

Mertz, a former Eastern student, received the death penalty in February 2003 from a Coles County court after he was convicted of killing Eastern student Shannon McNamara on June 12, 2001.

The defense decided to appeal the death penalty charge but not the conviction itself, said State's

Attorney Steve Ferguson.

The appeal was then taken in November of 2005 to the Illinois Supreme Court, who affirmed the decision and said the case against Mertz was "overwhelming."

The court refused a rehearing on the case last January, which brought the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now the case will return to the Coles County circuit court level.

Joshua Sachs, an attorney who works for the post-conviction unit of the state's Appellate Defender Office, said he is working on a post-petition conviction for Mertz.

Sachs said it is very difficult to explain a post-petition conviction, but said the post-petition reviews

the potential problems in the case that are outside the appeals process.

One of the differences between a post-petition conviction and an appeal is a post-petition conviction takes the case to the same court whereas an appeal goes to a different court.

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Amtrak stops in Mattoon

Extra stops added as planned, despite hitch in agreement with Canadian National-Illinois Central Railway

By Kevin Kenealy
Online Reporter

The new Amtrak train stops in Mattoon almost did not happen.

Amtrak searched for federal intervention following an ongoing dispute against the Canadian National-Illinois Central Railway (CN-IC).

The new frequencies are operated through an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation that would allow trains to run on tracks that are owned by CN-IC, according to an Amtrak news release.

Even though CN did announce that CN and Amtrak have reached an agreement in regards to Amtrak's increased service over CN lines from Chicago to Carbondale and Chicago to Joliet, CN spokesman Jim Kvedaras said the company could not elaborate on the agreement at this point.

"It certainly was unexpected, but I don't see it happening again," said Marc Magliari, Chicago spokesman for Amtrak.

Magliari said that with the agreement, Amtrak will conduct a year-long study with both CN-IC and IDOT and look at any interference in the frequencies, such as any flight schedule changes. Despite the difficulties, Magliari confirmed Amtrak service did run on Monday, which was backed up by Jeanette Clafin, chief of Rail Passenger Operations at Amtrak.

"Left here at 7:30 this morning," said Jeff Doherty, city manager in Carbondale.

Since the Mattoon line is in place, the next step is looking at student demand for a shuttle service to the train.

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AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore defender Ashley Slota celebrates her goal with Jenny Bock Tuesday afternoon at Lakeside Field. The goal was the only goal of the match as the Panthers advance to the semi-finals in the OVC tournament. For full story see page 12.

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Children haunt Greek Court and residence halls

» Halloween means children come to Eastern to trick or treat. The ghost, witches and goblins were out in full force on all Hallow's Eve to collect candy from Eastern students.

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Student Senate to discuss smoke free campus

» Tonight Student Senate members plan to pass a resolution asking administration to enforce current smoking policies on campus. The senate does not support a smoke free campus.

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Professor connects captive's story to utopia

» English professor Carol Stevens tells the story of Mary Jemison, a woman who was captured by the Seneca Tribe in the 18th century

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Ineligibility issues does not hurt OVC team

» An ineligible player will not cost Tennessee State its Sept. 9 Ohio Valley Conference win against Murray State or its win Sept. 16 against Jackson State. Read more in the OVC notebook.

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Men's soccer takes on Missouri State

» Eastern is the sixth seed in the MVC tournament and will try to stage an upset against No. 3 seeded Missouri State in Peoria at Bradley's Shea Stadium.

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Getting grades anytime

Student Government proposes plan to posting grades online to Faculty Senate

By Jess Kinsella
Staff Reporter



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Faculty senator Lynne Curry, a professor of history, discusses the feasibility of making WebCT mandatory for all faculty to use during the faculty senate meeting in Room 4440 of the Booth Library Tuesday afternoon.

SEAN ANDERSON | STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

"If you (faculty) already keep track of our grades, then why not post them online?"

Brenda Wilson, communications disorders and sciences professor, gives students their grades back so students can see what they received, she said.

"Those who want to know their grades, know their grades," said Thomas Sinclair, special education professor.

Anderson believes posting grades on WebCT or another online form is a convenient reliable route to take for students.

Anderson added, "If you (faculty) already keep track of our grades, then why not post them online?"

This helps students spend less time figuring out their grades, Anderson said.

Anderson and Keyes also mentioned how other schools use WebCT.

Villanova University offers

1,169 WebCT courses and Northern Iowa offers several one-week summer training sessions on WebCT, Keyes said.

Eastern has already made WebCT a financial priority, Anderson said.

The projected cost of an upgrade to WebCT is \$60,000 in the fall of 2007, he said.

They stated since Eastern is already spending money on WebCT to utilize it more.

Anderson and Keyes also presented a proposal that included that every department identify training times of one-hour sessions on how to use WebCT.

The proposed training completion date is April 30, 2007.

The proposal also requested that 100 percent of Eastern's faculty be trained to utilize WebCT or another online management system.

Sean Anderson and David Keyes' presentation on WebCT involving faculty posting students' grades online will be discussed further at another meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Both members of the student government discussed the benefits in posting grades and syllabi for faculty and students.

Posting grades will result in teachers dealing with fewer grade appeals from students, said Keyes, student vice president for academic affairs.

It will provide instant feedback and save on printing costs as well, said Student Body President Sean Anderson.

Posting grades has a direct effect on students as well. Students would have the ability to access grades anytime, anywhere, Keyes said.

Anderson added that students would become more familiar with technology by utilizing online tools.

"This is a student concern and want," Anderson said.

The most important benefit to posting grades is that it promotes more face time with faculty, which is important for students, Anderson said.

Keyes added that students are not always aware of their grades, so this provides them with easy access.

Some senate members argued that if those faculties are not giving back papers now, they are not going to post them online.

Other teachers do post grades online or provide a grading scale within their syllabi.

UNIVERSITY | FACULTY SENATE

Copyright questions raised

By Jess Kinsella
Staff Reporter

"Even if something is already in the library, you must get the publisher's permission to put it on the e-reserve."

James Tidwell and Jan Sung spoke at the Faculty Senate meeting regarding the appropriate use of various copyright sources.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, appointed a temporary committee nearly a year ago to address faculty's questions about copyrights.

Tidwell, journalism professor, and Sung are co-chairs of the ad-hoc committee.

The idea would be to have a certain location where faculty could go to ask questions about copyright issues, Tidwell said.

Many professors do not know

the issues involved with copyright. Sung provided an example of what may not be known by faculty members who often use the e-reserve at the Booth Library.

"Even if something is already in the library, you must get the publisher's permission to put it on the e-reserve," she said.

The purpose of the discussion

was to gain feedback from the senate so that the provost can take the idea through the administrative structure in order to become an Internal Governing Policy.

Faculty seemed pleased with the idea.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Lynne Curry, history professor.

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Members not in favor of smoke-free campus

Resolution to be introduced asking for enforcement of current smoking policies

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

Student Senate members plan to introduce a resolution tonight asking the administration to enforce current smoking policies on campus.

The resolution also states that it does not support a smoke-free campus.

"Smoking is only allowed in the designated outdoor smoking areas adjacent to buildings," said Student Senate Speaker Kent Ohms, quoting the campus smoking policy.

Another resolution recommends that Eastern's yearbook, *The Warbler*, uses students' Panther Card pictures in it.

If students wish to have a different picture, the resolution says that *The Warbler* will continue to offer a time and place to get their pictures taken.

It also says that more students will pick the yearbook up if they are in it.

"Yeah we'd like a better way to do it," said Nikki Sprehe, *The Warbler* editor, about getting students' pictures in the yearbook. "But we don't get new Panther Cards every year. Everyone's picture would be of them when they were a freshman."

A bylaw change regarding office supplies will also be introduced.

The bylaw change proposes that certain expenditures be allowed

without approval of the Student Senate.

Office supplies, tuition waivers for the executive branch and the Student Senate speaker and phone bills will not be subject to approval if the bylaw is approved.

According to the Student Senate bylaws, any \$50 expenditure needs to be approved by the Student Senate.

"We don't want to spend valuable time that we can be debating or talking about student issues, students' rights or better ways we can improve students' lives on campus instead of having to worry about a little office supplies," said Levi Bulgar, student vice president of business affairs. "We don't want to waste our time with that kind of stuff."

At last week's meeting, the Student Senate approved two

expenditures that were already made. Both of the expenditures were for office supplies. One was for about \$430 for binders, dividers and toner.

Another was for business cards for the executive branch and the Student Senate speaker.

While the tuition waivers for the executive branch and the Student Senate speaker are not submitted to the Student Senate, the bylaws state that they receive "compensation in the amount of 12 credit hours."

Any of these expenditures would be reported to the Student Senate by the student vice president for business affairs, Bulgar said.

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

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Faculty Development

» The Wholesome Professor: Reducing Stress while providing teaching, research and service.

The workshop will explore how professors can manage stress. This focus group, led by Stacey Ruhoff from the Department of Physical Education, will help professors discover the hidden benefits of exercise for stress management as well as other benefits.

The workshop will be at 9 a.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For more information, call 581-7051.

Voting polls now open in Coles County

» Citizens registered to vote in Coles County can vote before election day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Nov. 2 at the Office of the Coles County Clerk, Courthouse, 651 Jackson Ave. Room 122. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. - noon.

"Portrait of a Soldier"

» Cameron Schilling unveiled the Portrait of a Soldier memorial on Monday. This is a series of hand-drawn portraits of 138 Illinois men and women who have died in service to our country since Sept. 11, 2001. Schilling, 23, of Mattoon, and an Eastern student, drew the sketches in memorial of the fallen soldiers.

In October 2005, Schilling decided to memorialize every fallen Illinois soldier.

The Portrait of a Soldier memorial will be on display in the University Ballroom through Nov. 2. The exhibit is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

For more information on Portrait of a Soldier, visit www.operationhomefront.org.

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Stop the Sniffles: Stay Well During the Cold & Flu Season

Time | 12 p.m.

Location | Sullivan Room

Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

More info | 581-3013

Resume Blitz

Time | 3-6 p.m.

Location | Career Services, 1301 Human Services

More info | 581-2412

EIU Uncovered Lecture — "Indian Captive"

Time | 8 p.m.

Location | University Ballroom

Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A group of young Charleston children trick-or-treat in Greek Court on Tuesday. Residence halls and Greek Court were open to area children to celebrate Halloween. More than 100 children took part in the festivities.

Local children haunt Residence Halls

By Jessica Perillo
Staff Correspondent

NICOLE IFKOVITS | BIOLOGY MAJOR

"Us who have little brothers and sisters at home ... it's almost like being back at home again."

Charleston children found themselves leaving the streets and haunting hallways Tuesday for Halloween.

Most of Eastern's residence halls took part in celebrating the holiday with the community.

More than 100 local youngsters showed off their costumes and participated in pumpkin painting, haunted houses, games, face painting and the most popular: trick-or-treating.

"I think it's a good idea for the kids," said Nicole Ifkovits, a freshman biology major. "I think it's fun. Something different for the kids than going home to house."

Students in Lawson Hall marked their doors with balloons as an invitation for the trick-or-treaters.

Ifkovits, a resident in Lawson, explained that she missed being at home for Halloween and said having the trick-or-treaters gave her a good feeling.

"Us who have little brothers and sisters at home... it's almost like being back at home again," she said.

Clara Czarnecki, a trick-or-treater, had just finished painting her pumpkin when she yelled, "I had a great time!"

Czarnecki's mother said that she also had fun.

"It's a safe place to come and trick-or-treat and it reminds me of my college days too," said Melissa Czarnecki, a social worker at Sarah Bush

Lincoln Health Center.

The residence halls were not the only place to find trick-or-treaters Tuesday night.

Groups of little princess, ninjas and even an Abe Lincoln could be spotted running from house to house in Greek Court.

"All the different councils, IFC, PHC, Greek Court Council, and Lambda Alpha Delta had several meetings to work together on planning this event," said Joe Zoubek, housing director of Building Six in Greek Court.

He said he also felt that for some families, being on campus makes trick-or-treating easier.

"The Charleston community, number one, is a great place to raise a family," Zoubek said. "However, I feel that there are not as many opportunities to trick-or-treat up in the square."

Zoubek, a member of Delta Sigma Phi, said when he lived in his chapter house, he would always volunteer to pass out candy.

"It just brings back memories of trick-or-treating as a kid and makes us feel good that we provided them a night of fun," he said.

VIEWS

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ISSUE | Three campus organizations worked together to bring in leadership retreat

Students put Eastern on the map

A minority of students can make a difference.

Asian American Association, Asian Cinema Organization and the Office of Minority Affairs worked together to get the Midwest Asian American Students Union leadership retreat that will be held at Eastern in November.

Eastern's Asian population is slightly over 1 percent of Eastern's 12,000 students.

About 120 students were able to lure a national conference to Eastern.

This fact alone shows what Eastern students can do when they band together.

The Asian American Association, Asian Cinema Organization and the Office of Minority Affairs should be applauded for their hard work to bring the convention to Eastern.

The focus of the retreat will be leadership and cultural identity.

In addition to encouraging Eastern students to be better leaders, the conference will allow Eastern to show that it appreciates cultural diversity and is welcoming to other schools.

Students will come from all over the Midwest to participate in the retreat.

Encouraging cultural identity is always a challenge for the mostly white Eastern.

The university does hold many cultural events, including Latino Heritage, Asian Heritage and African American Heritage months.

But there is still a lack of cultural awareness at Eastern due to students' lack of participation in all of these events.

By bringing a nationally recognized conference to Eastern, the Asian American students on campus will raise the awareness of their peers.

It will be difficult for Eastern students to ignore the hundreds of students who will be on campus to attend the event.

Hopefully, Eastern students will take an interest in what their fellow students are doing and realize that there are cultural events taking place on Eastern's campus and it is to their benefit to attend them.

Eastern students who attend the retreat will benefit from their knowledge and in turn, Eastern itself will be able to benefit.

Students not attending the retreat should use this conference as an example of what students at Eastern can do when they band together and work toward a common goal.

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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

A Matter of (Poor) Taste

Halloween is by far one of my favorite holidays. People actually act free and liberate themselves for a night of debauchery, but one must wonder if people ever go too far.

While *USA Today* would have you ponder whether Halloween costumes have become too sexy, I am more concerned with the choice of themes people embrace.

While surfing Facebook, my friends and I came upon the page of a certain person here at Eastern. I will not disclose his name, but he is in a fraternity, he is well known and respected on campus.

He and his friends' choice of theme was to parody the Duke rape case. Yes, a man is dressed as the woman and is on all fours, foaming at the mouth while two people wear Duke T-shirts and have bruised faces, and hold lacrosse equipment pointed like spears at the person masquerading as the victim.

Rape has been made into a source of entertainment for these individuals, actually for everyone because anyone can see these pictures, and some have commented on how funny this scene is. Of course, they first say that the people are wrong for the picture but it is just so "lol!" I almost vomited right onto my keyboard.

I know there are a lot of questions surrounding the validity of the case and the charges, but how does this condone or make it permissible for a group of individuals to parody rape and terror?

Where is the line? The self-edit, the decency?

Do these individuals know the real horror that rape is?

Obviously not or else they could not possibly feel that such an act is appropriate for the parody that is Halloween.

I am all for fun, liberation and not blindly following the rules of society, but there must be a point when a person realizes that some things are simply wrong.

And in a country where women are so vulnerable to rape; where rape victims are raped emotionally a second time because of the society's discourse on rape; where there is constant rallying around the victimizer; a country where one of the great TV couples, Luke and Laura from "General Hospital," has rape as the genesis of their love story, and 30 million people still watch their wedding; a country where a show like "Rescue Me" can portray marital rape without so much as a reaction from the public. In a country like this, much less any country, to parody rape for trick or treats laughs is not only irresponsible and symptomatic of the culture in which we live, it is sick.

Maurice Tracy



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YOUR VIEW | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gamers should realize they are not addicted

I am a gamer. I play videogames everyday, and it's one of my defining hobbies. At one point, I caught all 151 Pokemon. I can kick butt and take names in Super Smash Bros, and if you need to know, Protoss FTW. I want to be forward and say that it is silly to think videogames are addicting. Sure, they can be enthralling, and yes, games like World of Warcraft can be engrossing, but they shouldn't become an excuse for one's personal social problems. I can turn off my Nintendo when I need to do my homework because I have my priorities straight. I can play World of Warcraft every night because the game doesn't create a special chemical change in my body. I have no withdrawal. I haven't stolen any money for my next hit of Xbox 360. I can easily revolve a videogame around my life and be a competent college student, family member, and member of society. Take, for instance, someone who loves to play football all the time, everyday. If they

skip class, are they addicted to pigskin? What about chess, or the ever popular Sudoku? Should they be admitted into a hospital because they'd rather play hooky to be entertained? Probably not, but with the current stigma videogames have acquired in these last years, it's no wonder an individual can cop out because their PlayStation forced them to. If a gamer truly needs to believe themselves to have an addiction, there is the warning sign of society, and not the dangers of an electronic machine. It's just depressing to see people taking some simple fun, and turning it into a faux-epidemic. But maybe I'm wrong, and maybe videogame addicts should check into a rehabilitation clinic, where they can exchange their most gruesome tales of foiled PvP runs with heroin addicts and alcoholics. I'm rather convinced they'd understand.

Darius Jutzi | Junior English major

YOUR VIEW | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wars in Vietnam, Iraq are similar in important ways

Mr. Unterfenger, in the *Daily Eastern News* on Oct. 23, suggests dissimilarities for the Vietnam War and now Iraq. I beg to differ. The war in Vietnam was started by the United States, based upon the falsehood of "enemy" fire in the Gulf of Tonkin by a North Vietnamese rubber dingy, which was never seen by the U.S. Navy. Then Lyndon Johnson's war exploded upon innocent people similar to Iraq, and convoluted lies.

Then, in 2001, the butcher Bush II starts a fabricated war against innocents in both Afghanistan and Iraq (9/11 aside). No W.M.D., no chemicals, no bin Laden in either nation. In the vacuous American mind, Ho Chi Min was replaced by that feckless puppet Saddam Hussein, a sometime buddy of the old USSR and a stooge for the U.S.

Ho Chi Min was (and still is) a man of his people, unlike Saddam whom was a made-to-order westernized dictator, but locally a beloved sectarian.

Using Bush's term "evil," Unterfenger brands both Vietnam and Iraq as haters of the West, the former as communist, the latter a terrorist. Ho Chi Min and Iraq won their mandate from the United Nations and statehood [1948] Vietnam expelled the French and the U.S. [1976] just as Iraqi nationals will win their struggle against the U.S. and England [again].

Unterfenger reveals his heart by xenophobically using Bush II's term "Islamofascists," then "prays" (to whom?) for "victory" against a prostrated Arabic people who resist on the only road left to them, guerrillaism, and religious zealotry which is hardly "fascism," however, the rule of god is totally fascist, i.e., one entity of universal acceptance. It has gotten that bad!

Perhaps Unterfenger's most egregious error in his assessment [is] that of Iran and the U.S. military's "leeway." Iran can only assist Iraq in its struggle with demo-fascism (a.k.a. capitalism) as history confirms the separatism of each nation. Iranian help will (or does) resemble Syrian entry into a war torn Lebanon [1973] which was attacked by Israel and abandoned by the West, leaving a vacuum that Syria filled until Bush II goaded a Syrian withdrawal [2005], only to be attacked by Israel again in 2006. As for "leeway" concerning the U.S. military --- has not rape, murder, torture, and social depravation provided enough "leeway" to crush a plain-clothes guerrilla army of Arabic fighters, does Unterfenger want nukes too?!

Just as in Vietnam, Iraq will model its post-war urbanized social paradigm on Western values based on oil wealth and abundant labor. No matter who claims power in Iraq, be it Sheik, Mullah, dictator or capitalist magnate, social conditions for the workers will remain the same, still afflicted by the first rule of imperial bourgeois capitalism, i.e. everything trickles from the top down, including the social mores of family, church, schools, and toxic consumerism. It should behoove the international academic community to teach the confluence of real politick, open-ended piracy, and inebriate psycho-sexual patriotism.

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ARTIST SHOWS STUDENTS BEAUTY ON PAPER

WATERCOLORS FOCUS OF PRESENTATION TO ART MAJORS

By Leslie Bazhenow
Staff Reporter

Scene 1: a picnicking couple on the lakeshore in Chicago.

Every ten seconds, the frame moved 10 meters further away from the couple.

Scene 24: 100 million light years away, the camera stopped.

The 1970s film by Ray Eames depicted the idea that watercolor artist Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash reiterated throughout her talk last night at the Tarble Arts Center.

Everything is made up of golden sections. According to Yarosz-Ash, the golden section is the "ideal and most pleasing concept to the human mind."

The theory states that everything is made up of sections that increase by a ratio of the number Phi or 1.6180339887...

That only scratched the surface of the discussion's depth.

She said her art is a mixture of religious, secular and scientific theory.

She said she took a year sabbatical to clear her mind and read.

"For the first time in my life, I thought clearly."

During her "time off" she said she felt she understood how artists are magicians, through 'celare revelare' or conceal, reveal.

Through her paintings she seeks to "find, safeguard, conceal or reveal the truth."

"Artists are illusionists and magicians," she said.

"We conceal information with metaphors and depictions of reality. Fool the eye, fool the mind."

When asked why she choose watercolor as her medium she replied: "It's intuitive. You don't question it; you just do it. Some artists choose clay because they like the feeling, the whole mud pie thing. I chose watercolor because of its beauty on the paper."

She discussed 10 watercolor paintings, all of which contained depictions of the sacred feminine.

She portrayed it in collages containing roses, a single crystal of DNA, and even a Blastula that was cut open, showing stem cells.

Students outnumbered faculty and community members during the talk held last night at 7 p.m. at Table Arts Center.

Yarosz-Ash joked that she was prepared for the worst.

"I was warned that the last discussion scheduled on a night that it was supposed to

ELIZABETH YAROSZ-ASH | ARTIST

"Artists are illusionists and magicians, we conceal information with metaphors and depictions of reality. Fool the eye, fool the mind."

rain had only five people show up," she said with a laugh.

Katie Young, a junior graphic design major, was there for one of her art courses.

"It (the discussion) was a lot of art history," Young said.

"I enjoyed listening to her and her thoughts behind all her works. It was very interesting."

Other students attended the talk because of their love and passion for watercolor paintings. Andrea Blaser, a senior art education major, said watercolor is her favorite to paint. She was fascinated with Yarosz-Ash's meanings behind the artwork.

"Her explanations and historical and religious backgrounds of her art were extremely interesting," she said.

Yarosz-Ash is a nationally recognized watercolor artist and professor of art at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Eastern art professor Robert Horvath asked the artist to be a juror for the 16th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois competitive exhibition.

Her art has won 75 awards and has been selected for more than 170 competitions.

Yarosz-Ash said she got into art when she was only 3 years old.

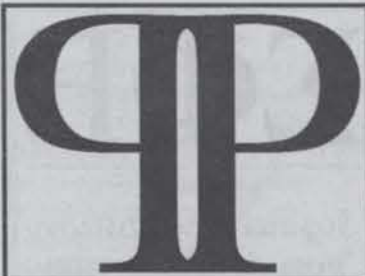
"I drew a baby carriage," she said. "I drew it in the golden section, and I can still draw that baby carriage."



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash, an art professor at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, discusses the technique used in watercolor painting on Tuesday morning in the painting studio in Art Park West.

She added a little encouragement for all aspiring artists: "Some start with just a little Playskool palette. One of my friends is a world-renowned artist and still uses a Playskool palette. Everyone has their own palette."



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Apartheid-era president dies

» CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA — P.W. Botha, the apartheid-era president who led South Africa through its worst racial violence and deepest international isolation, died Tuesday. He was 90.

Botha died at his home on the southern Cape coast at 8 p.m., according to the South African Press Association. "Botha died at home, peacefully," Capt. Frikkie Lucas was quoted as saying. The African National Congress issued a statement expressing condolences and wishing his family "strength and comfort at this difficult time."

Botha served as head of the white racist government from 1978 to 1989.

Throughout his leadership he resisted mounting pressure to free South Africa's most famous political prisoner, Nelson Mandela. Mandela was released by Botha's successor, F.W. de Klerk in 1990. But after each step forward, there was a backlash, resulting in the 1986 state of emergency declaration and the worst reprisals of more than four decades of apartheid.

Protestors regroup in Mexico

» OAXACA, Mexico — Some of the barricades torn down by federal police went back up Tuesday as protesters regrouped, and at least one federal official acknowledged that this city besieged by striking teachers and anarchists remained outside government control.

Federal police held the central square, or Zocalo, but schools and most businesses remained closed and residents tired of five months of paralyzing strikes looked on in dismay as protesters used debris, stones and sand bags to block recently cleared streets.

Demonstrators who flocked to the capital city of 275,000 are demanding the resignation of Gov. Ulises Ruiz, whom they accuse of oppressing dissent.

IRAQ | US BLOCKADES LIFTED IN IRAQ



TONY OVERMAN | THE OLYMPIAN/MCT

An Iraqi girl watches as Lt. Blake Hall, 24, of Lakewood, Wash., leads a search for a suspected insurgent leader in Mosul, Iraq, on Saturday.

Blockades lifted in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, IRAQ — Exploiting GOP vulnerability in the Nov. 7 elections, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki flexed his political muscle Tuesday and won U.S. agreement to lift military blockades on Sadr City and another Shiite enclave where an American soldier was abducted.

U.S. forces, who had set up the checkpoints in Baghdad last week as part of an unsuccessful search for the soldier, drove away in Humvees and armored personnel carriers at the 5 p.m. deadline set by al-Maliki.

Iraqi troops, who had manned the checkpoints with the Americans, loaded coils of razor wire and red traffic cones onto pickup trucks.

Their departure set off celebrations among civilians and armed men in Sadr City, the sprawling Shiite district controlled by the Mahdi Army militia loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Small groups of men and children danced in circles chanting slogans praising and declaring victory for al-Sadr, whose political support is crucial to the prime minister's governing coalition.

The prime minister's challenge to U.S. conduct of the war was the latest in a series of acts designed to force the American hand and test Washington's readiness to give him a greater say in securing the world's most violent capital.

Al-Maliki finds himself in a maze of conflicting political pressures.

After the Bush administration unveiled a plan last week for Iraq's government to adopt timelines for progress, especially in curbing violence, al-Maliki accused Washington of infringing on national

sovereignty.

There was no doubt he was talking tough to show both the Americans and his political base that he would not be pushed around.

The prime minister has further said that he feels stanching bloodshed might be better handled by Iraqi forces, although the argument does not wash given the present state of his military.

Sen. Jack Reed, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said al-Maliki was yielding to sectarian pressure and undermining U.S. efforts to curb attacks.

"Today, the critical issue in Iraq is whether the Maliki government can muster the political will to confront those who use violence to destabilize Iraq," Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat, said in a statement.

Al-Maliki's move Tuesday came three days after his closest aide, Hassan al-Suneid, said unabashedly that the prime minister was trying to capitalize on American voter discontent with the war and White House reluctance to open a public fight with the Iraqi leader just before the midterm election.

Much of the discontent is fueled by soaring death tolls among U.S. troops and their inability to contain raging sectarian violence 3 1/2 years after the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of two soldiers in fighting in the Baghdad area Monday, one from small arms fire, the other from a roadside bomb.

The October death toll stood at 103, the fourth-highest monthly figure of the war.

Al-Suneid said the prime minister acted without checking first with the Americans because the blockades had "backfired and made the security situation in Baghdad worse. It is not important that such decisions always be made jointly."

Activists hopeful after changes to China's capital punishment law

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's highest court must approve all executions under legislation enacted Tuesday, prompting human rights activists to express hope the country will reduce its world-leading use of the death penalty.

The amendment to China's capital punishment law follows reports of wrongly convicted people being executed and criticism that the death penalty has been imposed arbitrarily by lower courts.

China is believed to carry out most of the world's court-ordered executions, putting to death hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people each year for crimes ranging from murder to such nonviolent offenses as tax evasion.

Amnesty International says China executed at least 1,770 people in 2005. The London-based rights group cited a senior member of China's national legislature as saying some 10,000 people are executed each year.

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Study explores race, suicide

» CHICAGO—More U.S. blacks attempt suicide than previously thought, according to a landmark study that could help explode the myth that black suicides are rare because of a mind-set that took hold during slavery.

The first nationally representative study to look at attempted suicide among blacks found that about 70,000 of them try to kill themselves each year and 4 percent, or roughly 1.4 million, attempt suicide at least once in their lives.

That lifetime rate is similar to that of whites but higher than the 2.8 percent found among blacks in previous surveys.

Other research has shown that the actual suicide rate in whites is about twice as high as in blacks, though rising rates among young black men have narrowed the racial gap.

Researchers analyzed data from a national survey involving 5,181 blacks age 18 and older.

They were questioned about suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts between 2001 and 2003. Data on completed suicides was not included.

Company to sell Peoria paper

» SAN DIEGO—The Copley Press Inc., parent company of The San Diego Union-Tribune, said Tuesday it was exploring selling its seven newspapers in Ohio and Illinois.

The decision came amid further contraction in the newspaper business and tax debt related to the death of the company's former chairman and CEO Helen K. Copley in 2004, the company said.

The privately held company based in La Jolla, Calif., intends to retain the Union-Tribune.

The Union-Tribune is the nation's 21st largest daily newspaper with circulation of 304,334.

"The newspaper business has been very good to my family and me for over a century," Copley CEO David C. Copley said in a statement.

"The flagship remains San Diego and the moves we are announcing secure our ability to keep The San Diego Union-Tribune as an independent, locally owned newspaper for many years into the future," he said.

Copley's Illinois newspapers are published in Springfield, Lincoln, Peoria and Galesburg.

In Ohio, the company's newspapers are in Canton, Massillon and Dover/New Philadelphia.

Court blocks judgment

» WASHINGTON—A federal appeals court blocked a landmark judgment against the tobacco industry Tuesday.

The judgment cleared the way for the companies to continue selling "light" and "low tar" cigarettes until their appeals can be reviewed.

The decision by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit also allows the companies to continue for now the advertising campaigns that a federal judge in August ruled were misleading.

Without comment, the appeals court granted the tobacco companies' request to put Judge Gladys Kessler's order on hold.

The companies have argued that her far-reaching ruling could cost them millions of dollars and lead to a loss of customers.

In mid-August, Kessler ruled that the companies had violated racketeering laws and conspired for decades to mislead the public about the health hazards of smoking.

The judge ordered the companies to publish in newspapers and on their Web sites "corrective statements" on the adverse health effects and addictiveness of smoking and nicotine.

Voting system upgrades incomplete

The Associated Press



WASHINGTON—The Justice Department isn't penalizing states that fail to upgrade voting systems by next week's elections, a requirement passed by Congress in 2002.

Federal efforts to combat election fraud and prevent voter intimidation on Nov. 7 are among the most rigorous ever, Assistant Attorney General Wan J. Kim said Tuesday.

He estimated 800 federal observers and monitors are headed next week to oversee elections in 20 states, selected in part because of close races there.

But prosecutors have not penalized states, or tried to hold them in contempt, if they failed to comply with the 2002 Help America Vote Act, Kim said.

The law required states to plan for switching to electronic ballot machines and have a voter registration database up and working in time for the 2006 elections.

If states "miss a deadline, or if they don't do something by a certain time, then obviously we would first go back to the table and try to figure

out why, and how we can fix the problem," Kim told reporters.

If a state still falls short, the Justice Department could go to court and seek a contempt order, which could carry penalties, Kim said.

"But that's something we don't like to do. It means a problem's broken and we can't fix it easily."

Justice Department officials said it is unclear how many states have not fully updated their voting systems. The department has filed lawsuits against four states Alabama, Maine, New Jersey and New York and they have until sometime in 2007 to comply.

Other states are in varying degrees of compliance.

They have escaped legal action because they have made good-faith efforts to meet the new standards.

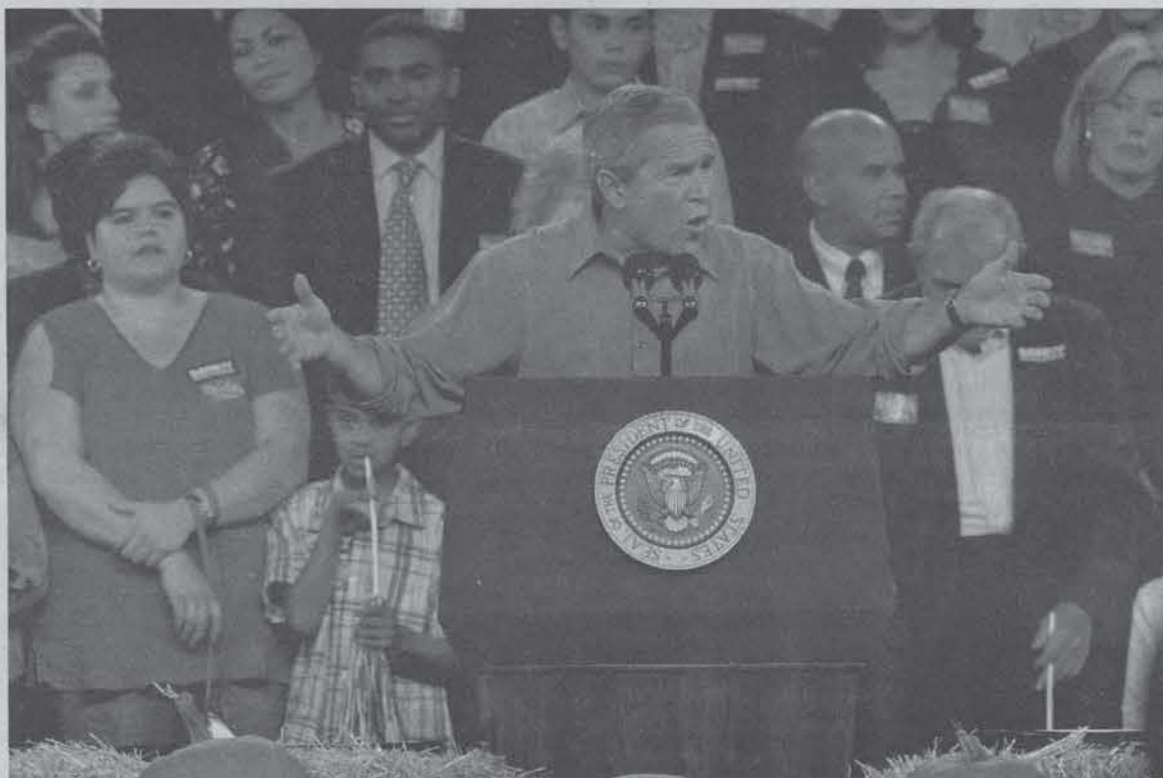
But critics say the absence of electronic voting machines and outdated registration rolls can lead to major problems at the polls and potentially skew election results.

States like New York and Connecticut, with a number of competitive elections that could decide which party controls the U.S. House, still use lever ballot machines that generally have a higher error rate than other machines, said George Washington University law professor Spencer Overton.

Lever ballot machines also can't be used by blind voters, and not all election jurisdictions have the required alternate handicapped-accessible voting systems available, Kim acknowledged.

"We could see machinery outcomes shape the direction of our country," said Overton, a commissioner on the 2005 Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform.

ELECTION 2006 | PRESIDENT BUSH HITS THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



KEITH HADLEY | ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/MCT

President George W. Bush speaks at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter to campaign for Republican congressional candidate Max Collins in Perry, Georgia, Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

Illegal immigrants target of law

HAZLETON, Pa. — Elvis Soto's variety store used to make money. But few customers have been walking through his door lately, and his merchandise, calling cards, cell phones, car stereos, clothing, is collecting dust on the shelves.

With bills mounting, Soto might have to take another job to stay afloat financially, and may even close the store.

On Wednesday, a tough, first-of-its-kind law targeting illegal immigrants was to take effect in this small hillside city in northeastern Pennsylvania. A federal judge on Tuesday blocked the measure for at least two weeks, but the evidence suggests many Hispanics, illegal or otherwise, have already left.

That, in turn, has hobbled the city's Hispanic business district, where some shops have closed and others are struggling to stay open.

"Before, it was a nice place," said Soto, 27, who came to the United States from the Dominican Republic a decade ago. "Now, we have a war against us. I am legal but I feel the pressure also."

The ordinance, approved by City Council in September, imposes fines on landlords who rent to

illegal immigrants and denies business permits to companies that give them jobs. The law empowers the city to investigate written complaints about a person's immigration status, using a federal database.

Mayor Lou Barletta, chief proponent of the new law, contends illegal immigrants have brought drugs, crime and gangs, overwhelming police and municipal budgets.

He announced the crackdown in June, a month after two illegal immigrants from the Dominican Republic were charged in a fatal shooting.

At Isabel's Gifts, owner Isabel Rubio said business is so bad that she and her husband have put their house up for sale, moved into an apartment above their store and started dipping into their savings.

"I am in a lot of stress right now," said Rubio, 50, a Colombian who moved to Hazleton 24 years ago. "Every day, we hope to have a good day."

Opponents sued on Monday to block the law and a companion measure, saying they trample on the federal government's exclusive

power to regulate immigration.

U.S. District Judge James Munley ruled that landlords, tenants and businesses that cater to Hispanics faced "irreparable harm" from the laws and issued a temporary restraining order. He also said the city offered "only vague generalizations" about crime caused by illegal immigrants.

The judge's order expires Nov. 14.

He planned to schedule a hearing on the plaintiffs' motion for a temporary injunction.

The ordinances "are nothing more than an officially sanctioned witch hunt," said Cesar Perales, president of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, a group representing plaintiffs in the case.

They include the Hazleton Hispanic Business Association, several illegal immigrants, landlords and a restaurateur.

The mayor said he would fight all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary, saying the ordinance is "as bulletproof as we can get it."

Hispanics began settling in large numbers in Hazleton several years ago, lured from New York,

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Justices testify in court case

» GENEVA—In a rare appearance on the witness stand Tuesday, current and former Illinois Supreme Court justices testified in a colleague's multimillion dollar libel case against a suburban Chicago newspaper.

Chief Justice Robert Thomas, a former kicker for the Chicago Bears, alleges that the Geneva-based Kane County Chronicle libeled him and damaged his reputation in a series of articles three years ago.

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman testified that she considers Thomas a friend and that he never suggested to her that the columns had caused him mental distress. She also said the columns "were false" and did not lower her favorable opinion of Thomas.

"There was no basis for what was said," Garman testified.

Former Chronicle columnist Bill Page wrote in 2003 that Thomas had softened his position in a disciplinary hearing for former Kane County State's Attorney Meg Gorecki after her supporters backed a judicial candidate he favored.

Gorecki was suspended for four-months for telling a friend in 1998 that she could arrange jobs with the county in exchange for campaign contributions to a political ally. She denied there was any real jobs-for-donations scheme.

Chancellor admits to plagiarism

» CARBONDALE—Southern Illinois University's chancellor admitted "lifting" excerpts from a strategic plan for a Texas school where he worked and using them in the Carbondale school's long-range blueprint, a panel has found.

The three-person panel comprised of members from various university departments and schools also is urging the Illinois school to review its anti-plagiarism policies.

SIU President Glenn Poshard says he accepted the findings he released Tuesday from the group he tapped in September to scrutinize similarities in Texas A&M's "Vision 2020" and the Carbondale school's "Southern at 150" and SIU chancellor Walter Wendler's ties to both. Poshard said that within days, he would create a nine-person committee to take up the review panel's concerns and "have a dialogue across the system as to what constitutes plagiarism and intellectual dishonesty."

Priest gets seven years in jail

» CHICAGO—A Roman Catholic priest caught with violent child pornography was sentenced Tuesday to more than seven years in prison by a federal judge who said that she could "not help but be appalled."

The Rev. Daniel Schulte, 54, must register as a sex offender when he is released from his 87-month sentence, give up his use of computers and never have unsupervised access to minors, Judge Blanche M. Manning said.

"He has victimized young children, possibly scarring them for life," Manning said, giving Schulte the maximum sentence. "The court cannot help but be appalled."

In a quiet voice, Schulte said that he was sorry about "the children whose innocence I've stolen by downloading child pornography" and apologized for "the embarrassment and scandal I've caused for others."

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Professor connects captive's story to utopia

Woman captured in 18th century by Seneca tribe inspires spirit of adventure

By Kristina Peters
Activities Reporter

At age eight, Carol Stevens heard a story about an Indian captive that has followed her throughout her life.

Stevens, now a professor in the English department, grew up in up-state New York where the story of Mary Jemison is popular.

Jemison was born in 1743 aboard a ship coming from Northern Ireland to America to join other immigrants of Scottish-Irish descent. Fifteen years later, her family headed toward Philadelphia. When they started to set up home, Jemison was captured by the Seneca tribe.

"They took captives to replace their own people who had been killed," Stevens said.

Jemison wound up in New York where she married, had children and continued to live with the tribe. The tribe set up home near the Genesee River in New York.

"She was known as the white woman of the Genesee," Stevens said.

The river is near where Stevens grew up, and Jemison's grave and statue is in Letchworth Park, also near Stevens' home.

"It's a very beautiful park that runs against the Genesee River," Stevens said.

Only recently did Stevens realize that Jemison's story had a personal impact in understanding a different way to live.

"I spent most of my life in different sorts of communities, and that's like Mary Jemison did," Stevens said.

Stevens grew up in a family whose members either did not finish high school or did not continue with their education after graduating from high school.

She hopes that her lecture about Jemison and utopian societies, which are ideal civilizations, will have the same impact on those in attendance.

"I hope they will want to go and read (more) about Mary Jemison," she said.

The theory of utopian societies applies to Jemison's story because Jemison saw life in the Seneca tribe as an idealized way of living.

She chose to stay because the tribe was generous and treated her well, Stevens said.

Stevens said Jemison lived near the river for most of her life and it was said that in her 70s, Jemison was still able to cross

the river.

Jemison's sense of adventure influenced Stevens as a child. "Her story just sparks the imagination to adventure," she said. "What is life without some adventure?"

A sense of adventure is a quality that Stevens said students should have, and if not, they can gain that quality from listening to Jemison's story.

Middle school education majors may also learn from Stevens' lecture because a book about Jemison is often used in classrooms. The book, "Indian Captive" by Lois Lenski, tells the story of Jemison's life.

"She's a popular figure," Stevens said. "The story has continued to fascinate people."

Along with her lecture, Stevens will bring pictures of Jemison's statue and grave site.

"It's an idealized portrait of her," she said of the statue.

Stevens will give a presentation for University Board's EIU: Uncovered lecture series at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Mertz

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In Mertz's case, the post-petition conviction must be submitted by April 2 and Sachs said it would be.

At the time of her death, McNamara was living in an apartment on South Fourth Street and Mertz was living across the street.

According to evidence provided during the case, Mertz broke into McNamara's apartment with his credit card that police later found.

He then strangled her with a washcloth and slashed her body a number of times. The police found blood under McNamara's fingernails and the DNA matched with Mertz.



Anthony Mertz

Alleges he was sexually abused and neglected as a child.

Mertz was in the Marines. According to Steven Clark, who represented Mertz in front of the Illinois Supreme Court, Mertz was sexually abused and neglected as a child.

He was also taking medications and an alcoholic at the time of the murder, said Clark.

Amtrak

FROM PAGE 1

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, is currently attempting to secure permission to sell the \$17 Amtrak tickets in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union, but said that the best way to prepare for a shuttle service is to have permission to sell the tickets.

"This would allow us to monitor sales and forecast student needs in a timely and accurate manner," Nadler said.

Centralia is one of the new stops for Amtrak and for City Manager Grant Kleinhenz, the new frequency could not be better.

"We had roughly 12,000 riders in our community last year, so for us it's just a blessing," he said.

From Kleinhenz's view, the CN-IC did not want to let the additional trains to be made available during the day, but he believes that the delay in agreement is actually a good sign.

"The freight service gets

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"We had roughly 12,000 riders in our community last year, so for us it's just a blessing."

backed up, especially in the fall with the grain," Kleinhenz said. "The additional increase in freight is actually a sign that the economy is starting to rebound, so that's a good sign for us."

Now that this third Saluki line is running through Centralia, Kleinhenz is looking forward with the city's downtown plans, adding restaurants near the station and promoting Centralia as a retirement area as well.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | RECRUITING

Wisconsin center commits to Eastern

By Matthew Stevens
Sports Reporter

Lantz Arena will be the home of a pure center for the first time in two years.

Matt Dorlack, a 6-11 New Berlin (Wis.) Eisenhower High School senior, has given his verbal commitment to Eastern head coach Mike Miller to play for the Panthers next season. Dorlack chose Eastern over UW-Milwaukee, Western Carolina, Maine and Georgia State.

"I really liked the campus, and the fact it's only four hours from home is nice," Dorlack said. "It's just nice not to have to deal with college coaches calling anymore."

According to NCAA rules, Miller and the rest of the Panthers staff are not allowed to comment on recruits until they've signed a national letter of intent, which will occur Nov. 8.

Dorlack, named by numerous publications as the top pure center prospect in the state of Wisconsin, earned 2nd team All-Woodland Conference last year as junior after he averaged 12.4 points, 9.1 rebounds and 3.4 block shots per game.

"He really showed why he's one of the state's premier shot blockers," Eisenhower head coach Dave Scheidegger said. "I mean, he made a couple last year that made you say yeah, that's Division I right there. I think you got a real gem."

Dorlack made his campus visit on Oct. 20 and was really impressed with the practice atmosphere along with the coaching staff.

"I got to meet all the guys and really had a good time. I really liked what I saw," Dorlack said.

"I got calls from Coach Miller and (Eastern assistant Chad

Altadonna," Scheidegger said. "I know his parents were very intent on finding a place where academics were high."

Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook and Wisconsin Basketball News rated Dorlack Wisconsin's ninth best player for the class of 2007. His coach compared him to the state's elite.

"He sent back some shots last year that (Wisconsin's top prospect Keaton) Nankivil couldn't have gotten to," Scheidegger said. "And he's going to Wisconsin to play for Bo (Ryan)."

Dorlack is an instant force in the post at the high school level and gave Panthers a taste of what his favorite shot at Lantz Arena will be.

"I think I've got a pretty good sky hook so I use that a lot, but I get double and triple teamed a lot so I have to kick the ball out," Dorlack

said. "He's very unselfish, a little too unselfish, so we're going to try and get him to be more selfish this year," Scheidegger said. "But your three-point shooters are going to love him because he'll find them."

With Miller attempting to execute a high-octane, fast tempo offense to the Panthers program, Dorlack may be the perfect fit for the trailer role on Eastern's fast break.

"I'll have to adjust to the speed a little bit, but we run pretty hard here," Dorlack said.

On the Eisenhower High School team shirts last year, they promoted a similar style.

"They said 84 for 32 and that's our motto. We play every team 84 feet for 32 minutes," Scheidegger said. "He's a great outlet passer for our break. He's always looking for

the long ball." At 235 pounds, Dorlack is not far away from having the prototypical Division I body and strength.

"We anticipating huge things this year out of Matt, and it's always been my experience that it's after Christmas of the senior year that they become men," Schneidegger said.

Dorlack played this summer on Wisconsin's elite AAU team Fox Valley Skillz. This squad had Nankivil, guard Scott Christopherson (committed to Marquette), forward Andrew Zimmerman (committed to Santa Clara), and guard Bryquis Perine (committed to UW-Green Bay).

"That team was a high profile team and I think it made me better by seeing great competition," Dorlack said. "I think it prepared me a lot for this season."



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Freshman midfielder Samantha Kohen attempts a header off a corner kick during the first half on Tuesday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

» Soccer

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Both teams played an aggressive game, especially in the second half. There were only nine fouls in the first half, but 22 in the second.

"We kind of went down to their level and played a little frantic," Williams said.

Four yellow cards were distributed during the second half.

Junior midfielder Kathleen Hayes received a yellow card in the 59th minute when she slid into the back of a Martin player. It was Hayes' first game since Oct. 6 game at Tennessee Tech because of a left foot injury.

"There's going to be contact where there wasn't meant to be contact," Nowak said.

After being tripped, sophomore midfielder Jenny Bock received a yellow card in the 77th minute for kicking a Martin player in the shin.

"We played a little more frantic the second half," Williams said. "They had the wind. We should have played more controlling."

As the time winded down during the second half, UTM controlled the field and tried to get shots off.

"I was making sure that we

marked on goal side," Williams said. "I made sure that if the ball came near me, I made the save and if not that our defense cleared it out. It was pretty muddy back there so it was a scramble at times."

Eastern had the better first half and scrapped in the second half to win.

"I think towards the end, things got a little shaky," Hayes said.

"First half, I thought we came out slow, but second half we really picked it up," said Skyhawk goalkeeper Cara Sullivan.

The second half of the game changed with both teams fighting for a position in Friday's semifinal game against Morehead State in Birmingham, Ala.

"We kind of gave into the environment," Nowak said. "There was a lot of hard fouls, the people in the stands getting excited, the benches getting excited. It's important for the players to just stay focused between the white lines."

The Panthers return to the conference semifinals for the eighth consecutive year when it meets Morehead Friday at 5 p.m. on Samford's campus.

For Eastern, the season comes down to this final weekend.

"If we lose, our season is over," Slota said.

» Ruck

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The kickoff time was set for 3 p.m., but got bumped back to 5 p.m. We started off slow and sluggish, but picked it up in the second half.

We did all the right things, but just didn't finish them.

After the game we hopped on the bus to Clemson, S.C. We woke up Thursday morning and spent the day at the library. When we got to Coach Graziano's house, he delivered some news that we all were hoping would never come.

Let's just say that life takes unexpected turns, and you just have to be strong and when you can't be strong, you can depend on your family and friends to be there for you.

We set up our tents in Coach's backyard and sat around the fire, roasting marshmallows and playing games.

Friday morning we woke up to rain. We practiced for a good hour and 15 minutes and then headed back to Coach's to eat some breakfast. After breakfast we took an amazing tour of Clemson's athletic facilities.

We saw the basketball arena, men's basketball locker room, training room, volleyball court, weight room and the new indoor track facility.

After our rainy tour, we went back to our hotel to get settled. Later that night, some girls went to the volleyball game while others stayed

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"Let's just say that life takes unexpected turns, and you just have to be strong and when you can't be strong, you can depend on your family and friends to be there for you."

in, did homework and relaxed.

Saturday morning it was back to game time. We started off - once again - slow and sluggish. We did not play well at all. Then we tried to step it up in the second half, but it was cut about 12 minutes early.

One of our girls was bending

down to pick up a loose ball when a Florida player came and kicked it.

That is called a dangerous play and you are supposed to get penalized for it, but the referee did not blow his whistle.

The girl scored, and we are all a little ticked off at this point. The referee said that he did not see it. Well, I guess he got a little sick of us and Coach trying to tell him it was a dangerous play, so the referee called the game.

We were all a little upset, especially Coach I think, because one of his jobs is to keep us safe. That is why he teaches us to play safe rugby by tackling safe and going to the ground safe when we get tackled.

When we are playing a game, it is the referee's job to keep us safe.

Coach can't do too much from the sidelines.

However, after the game we put it all behind us and celebrated Halloween weekend by listening to music, playing bags and just having a good time around the fire.

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Chaos in the conference

Next five games will affect standings in OVC

By Adam Larck
Staff Reporter

With the Eastern volleyball team down to its last five games, chances have slipped away for a tournament bid.

Seven teams in the Ohio Valley Conference are 6-6 or better. That puts the Panthers out of contention for the tournament.

Southeast Missouri is one of those teams. The Redhawks come to Lantz Arena tonight as the Panthers play their final home game.

"It would appear at this point that we will not make it," said Eastern head coach Lori Bennett. "Unless there's just a major mixing up of other teams, I just don't see how, at this point, we could get in."

SEMO is 6-6 and can make the tournament, but the last four games are vital for them.

Head coach Renata Nowacki knows this, and she knows the team cannot take any team lightly.

"We know we have four extremely important games left, all with equal importance," Nowacki said. "For us to take the fifth or



Junior setter Maren Crabtree bumps the volleyball up during Eastern's game in the 3-2 loss against Tennessee State on Saturday at Lantz Arena.

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sixth spot we know we need to take all four games, with no slip-ups."

In many teams' cases, team motivation and morale could get low at times like this.

The Panthers, however, see many

accomplishments which can still be done.

"Just to keep getting better and to play well and to finish well and to win at least three out of the next four matches," Bennett said. "They

love to play volleyball, and we still get to do that for the next few weeks. There's still some things left to work toward, definitely."

Winning three of the four could help the Panthers play spoiler for

teams in the OVC.

Facing not only SEMO, but Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State, the Panthers have a chance not only to shake up the standings in the OVC, but give UT-Martin, who is currently 5-7, a chance to sneak into the tournament.

"We played very, very well against Jacksonville State when they were here and it would be great to go there and do the same thing and get a game or even a match from them," Bennett said. "I believe that we have the team that could do that."

Nowacki said with the schedules, anything can happen.

"I think right now with everyone's schedule, anything is possible," Nowacki said. "Upsets are possible across the board. I just hope it's not us."

Against JSU, Eastern held each game to within 11 points. JSU is currently No. 1 in the conference.

According to Eastern senior outside hitter Mary Welch, this was because of the team's constant improvement this year.

"I think that throughout the whole year we've definitely made improvement," Welch said. "We're playing tough against the top teams of the OVC. We haven't stayed stagnant or anything. We've always been improving."

OVC FOOTBALL | NOTEBOOK

Ineligible player will not cost Tennessee State a win

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Tennessee State will not have to forfeit its Sept. 9 Ohio Valley Conference win against Murray State or its win Sept. 16 against Jackson State for the use of an ineligible player.

OVC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher said Tuesday the NCAA and the OVC finished its investigation into the case of the ineligible player, defensive tackle Lamar Divens.

Divens, who transferred from Vanderbilt to TSU in August, played in the Tigers' first three games this season before being ruled

ineligible for the Sept. 23 game at Vanderbilt.

Divens has not played in a game since. Steinbrecher said the conference became aware of the issue the week of the Vanderbilt game. The issue concerning Divens being ineligible came about from an error in his transfer certificate from Vanderbilt to TSU. The ruling comes at a crucial time for the Tigers because they are tied with Tennessee-Martin for first place in the conference with three games remaining.

If TSU had to forfeit its win against Murray State, the loss would have dropped the Tigers to 3-1 in the conference and into a tie with

Eastern Illinois for second place.

Steinbrecher said where TSU stood in the standings had no effect on the decision.

"You look at the facts and you look through the situation and you don't take extraneous things into the situation," he said. "This is the same decision that would have been made regardless of the situation."

Tiebreaking possibilities

Three teams remain in contention for winning the league. Both UTM and TSU are 4-0 in the conference, with Eastern Illinois at 3-1.

The only way for EIU to win the league outright is to win its remaining three games and for UTM to lose two of its last three.

A three-way tie between EIU, UTM and TSU for first place would eliminate EIU because UTM and TSU do not play each other.

If UTM and TSU win their last three games, leaving them at 7-0

in the conference, the champion would be determined by a coin flip.

This is because they have not lost a conference game and have not played each other this season.

Battle of running backs

Two running backs ranked in the Top 10 nationally will meet this Saturday at O'Brien Stadium.

TSU's Javarris Williams is sixth nationally in yards per game (130.6), while Eastern's Vincent Webb Jr. is 10th (128 ypg).

Both teams are adequate at stopping the run, with Eastern ranking 42nd in the nation and TSU is 63rd.

More pressure might be placed on Williams because TSU's starting quarterback and the OVC's leader in passing efficiency, Antonio Heffner, suffered a shoulder injury in the Tigers' win against Samford last week.

"You've got to ride your horse,"

TSU head coach James Webster said. "And Javarris is our horse. If Heffner's out, I think we'll have to lean on him a little bit more."

EKU's quarterback situation

Eastern Kentucky's Josh Greco has struggled this year. The OVC's 2005 Offensive Player of the Year has four more interceptions (12) this season than touchdown passes (8).

Greco has also nursed an injured finger much of October, which explains why EKV pulled him from its Oct. 21 game at Southeast Missouri and put in backup Allan Holland. Holland rallied the Colonels to a 27-21 win and threw two touchdown passes. The Colonels are coming off a bye week and EKV head coach Danny Hope said if Greco is healthy enough he will be the starter for Saturday's game between EKV and Murray State.

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Halloween is finished with. All the trick-or-treating and dressing up will have to wait another year. But for Eastern's women's soccer team, they celebrated Halloween early with a 1-0 win against Tennessee-Martin in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

Thanks to a goal by sophomore defender Ashley Slota (above), the Panthers will play Friday in the conference semifinals.

Here are three reasons why Eastern has a scary-good chance to win the conference tournament:

1. It all starts with defense – To play for head coach Tim Nowak, a player has to be able to play defense. This year's team has shown they can do that lately, posting three consecutive shutouts. In the last 11 games, Eastern has only allowed five goals while going 6-1-4.

2. Experience matters in postseason – The Panthers may play several freshmen, but this team does have veteran leadership. Senior midfielder Trisha Walter has played in three OVC title games, and fellow starters Michelle Steinhaus, Ashley Slota and Kellie Floyd all played a crucial role in the 2004 team and last season's team.

3. The underdog factor – For the first time since joining the OVC in 1998, Eastern has finished lower than second. That wasn't the case this year, with the Panthers playing a play-in game for the first time in OVC history. Add to the fact that the semifinals and championship are at Samford, Eastern's perennial contender for the title, and that's all the motivation Eastern needs.

– Matt Daniels

Throwing the Curveball

It seems like when everything is going your way, life decides to throw you curveballs to see if you will break.

The most important thing to do is to take those curveballs and throw them right back.

We just got back from our five-day trip to Clemson, S.C., and came back with two wins. Everybody came back in one piece, but with some bumps and bruises – both physical and mental ones.

We started off our trip with a game in Athens, Ga., against Georgia.

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The sophomore outside center for Eastern's rugby team is providing The Daily Eastern News with a weekly look at what it's like being a female athlete.

MEN'S SOCCER | EASTERN VS. MISSOURI STATE

Panthers look for redemption

Eastern to battle Missouri State in opening round game

By Joe Waltasti
Staff Reporter

Up 2-0 heading into the third of five penalty kicks, the Panthers were on the verge of a first round upset of Vanderbilt in last season's Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

That would not happen. Vanderbilt ripped off three straight goals and Eastern could only muster one additional score and the game moved into sudden-death penalty kicks.

Vanderbilt connected on its first shot and then-freshman midfielder Adam Gartner missed, giving the Commodores a first round Missouri Valley Conference Tournament win and sent the Panthers home empty-handed.

Eastern is again the sixth seed in the MVC tournament and will try to stage an upset

against No. 3 seeded Missouri State in Peoria at Bradley's Shea Stadium.

The Panthers lost their conference opener to the Bears, 2-0, in Springfield, Mo., on Sept. 20.

"When we left that day, I told my guys that I want to play them again," said head coach Adam Howarth. "I'm excited to play them again, the guys are excited to play them again, and we had the opportunities to win that game."

That game started the Panthers down a conference stretch with just one MVC victory. Despite the lone win and the No. 6 seed in the tournament, Howarth is confident in his team.

"Every team is fearful of us," Howarth said. "I saw that (Saturday) with (Drake) sitting back on us. It was the first time I've seen that. We are not afraid to play any team."

It might be the best time in many years for a No. 6 seed to make a run in the tournament, said Missouri State head coach Jon Leamy.

Prior to the season, many MVC coaches talked about the parity in the conference and Leamy thinks that will carry over into the

tournament.

"I can't remember a time when the tournament has been this wide open, every team has a shot," Leamy said. "There is not a team in Peoria that can't win this thing."

Sophomore goalie Mark Hansen, who stopped Vanderbilt's first two shots before being beaten by the next four, has earned his starting job in the net back after losing it to senior Paul Jennison midway through Eastern's game against Western Kentucky.

Hansen is going into the tournament on a hot streak.

His two shutout games in the last week of the regular season earned him Brine/MVC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Senior defender Phil Clemmer will try to help his younger teammates prevent mistakes and stay focused on the game plan.

"When we get nervous we start playing long ball," Clemmer said. "I have been trying to remind everyone to link up with the midfield because if the long ball doesn't connect they can shove it right back down our throats."

WOMEN'S SOCCER | EASTERN 1, UT-MARTIN 0



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Junior midfielder Kathleen Hayes fights for a loose ball at midfield Tuesday at Lakeside Field. Eastern defeated Tennessee-Martin, 1-0, the quarterfinal game. This was Hayes first game back because of her previous left foot injury.

Eastern advances in Tourney

Sophomore notches first career goal

By Kevin Murphy
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Eastern pushed the ball up the field during the first half and it paid off.

Sophomore defender Ashley Slota scored in the 25th minute to give Eastern an early lead that would be the only goal in Eastern's

1-0 win against Tennessee-Martin on Tuesday at Lakeside Field in an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament quarterfinal game.

When Alexis Miller lofted the ball into the center of the box off a corner kick, Slota nicked it off her right foot and past Skyhawk goalie Cara Sullivan. It was Slota's first career goal.

"Slota's goal helped us stay on top and take care of business," said Eastern's freshman goalkeeper

Jenny Williams.

"She's been knocking at the door all season," said Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said.

It was one of Eastern's many attacks during the first half and Slota attributed that to keeping the ball low and on the ground.

The Panthers had crisp passing and supplemented their attack with 10 shots and five corners kicks during the first half alone.

But it was a different story for

both teams in the second half.

"During the second half, we were much the better team than Eastern Illinois," said UT Martin head coach Craig Roberts.

The second half became frantic for both teams. Although no team had a real advantage, UT-Martin did have an advantage in corner kicks (four to one) but the same amount of shots as Eastern (six).

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