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IT'S THE FINALS COUNTDOWN...

Students aren't the only ones prepping for finals: Residence halls are taking steps to help make a good atmosphere for studying and help students relax after stressing out all week.

ALSO: We asked students, "How do you prepare for finals?"

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PACKAGED WITH CARE

Coalition helps children from meth-contaminated houses cope with leaving home



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

By Emily Zulz
Staff Reporter

Mark Peyton, commander for the East Central Illinois Task Force, said 352 children have been removed from homes contaminated with methamphetamines statewide from May 2005 to February 2007.

The presence of meth is especially harmful to young children because there is a residue created from meth production that acts like a poison to small children, said Ke'An Rogers, Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition board member.

When children crawl on the floor and pick up toys off the ground and put them in their mouths, the residue enters their systems. Even the air they breathe is toxic, Rogers said.

"No one can be healthy in this type of situation," she said.

Children cannot take anything with them when the police or Department of Children and Family Services take them away from their harmful environment, Rogers said.

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AN ONGOING PROBLEM

ARRESTS AND SEIZURES:

Meth lab seizures in Coles County

2004 - 53
2005 - 32
2006 - 57
2007 - Declining

Meth-related arrests in Coles-Douglas-Moultrie region

2004 - 161
2005 - 153
2006 - 132
2007 - Declining

Woman's search for her past ends happily

Eastern employee was adopted as a baby, found her birth mother 10 years ago

By Emily Zulz
Staff Reporter

Christy Kilgore-Hadley had never known the story of how she was born.

In September 2007, she met with her birth mother for the first time.

Kilgore-Hadley, 30, was adopted as a baby. While growing up, Kilgore-Hadley, a graphic designer for Eastern in marketing and communications, said her parents were always open about her adoption.

Her father, John Kilgore, a professor of English at Eastern, said he never hid the fact that she was adopted.

"As soon as she could pronounce the word,

she was saying it," her father said.

Last week marked the end to National Adoption Awareness Month.

Kilgore-Hadley said 99 percent of the time, she did not think about how she was adopted but at times, she was curious and wondered what her birth parents looked like.

That curiosity led Kilgore-Hadley to search for her birth parents when she was about 18 or 19.

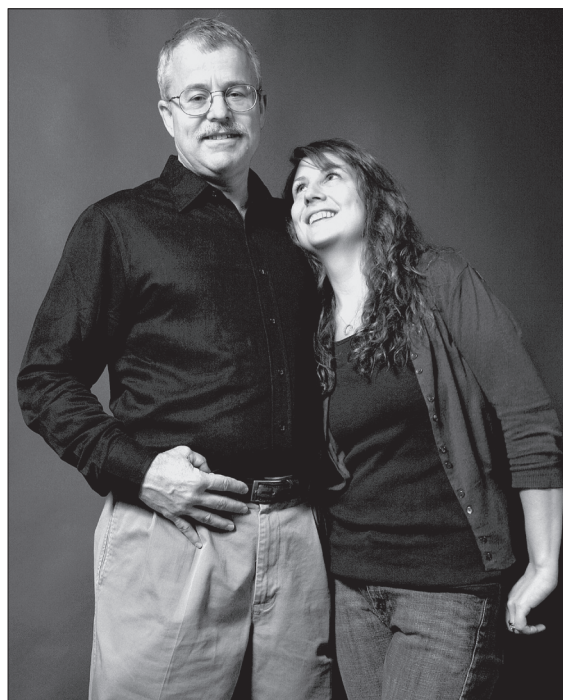
While she was a student at Eastern, Kilgore-Hadley decided to find her birth mother.

Her parents had her birth mother's maiden name and the location where she was born.

Kilgore-Hadley's birth mother's last name was unusual, which aided in her search.

This was in 1997 - the days before Google - in the early years of the Internet.

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English professor John Kilgore adopted Christy Kilgore-Hadley, a graphic designer for Eastern, when she was a baby. Kilgore-Hadley said while growing up, she did not think much about being adopted but occasionally was curious about her birth parents.

City to purchase 'brand-new, shiny red' ambulance

Will also vote on tax levy, funding for Christmas in the Heart of Charleston

By Michael Peterson
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on whether to approve the annual tax levy ordinance for the fiscal year. The ordinance will set the amount of money the city will plan to levy for taxes from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

"This is Step 1 in a long process of establishing how much money we will be working with next year," said Mayor John Inyart. "We are going to do it a little differently than we did in years past."

The council will also vote on a resolution to approve the execution of loan documents with First Neighbor Bank. The city will borrow \$119,066.95 to purchase a new ambulance for the Charleston Fire Department. The loan will be paid during a five-year period with an annual interest rate of 3.9 percent.

Then the council will vote to approve a resolution to sell the old ambulance being replaced. The old ambulance is a Ford F350 purchased in October 1999. It now has 110,921 miles on it.

"It's been a good vehicle for us, but 110,000 miles on an ambulance is a lot of wear and tear," Inyart said. "So we've replaced it with a brand-new, shiny red one."

Also, Murphy Oil is on property that Wal-Mart currently owns. The council will vote to approve a minor subdivision where the property will be divided between the two businesses.

"There will be no change in zoning and no change in use," Inyart said. "It's just a technicality, really."

In addition, the council will vote on a resolution granting tourism funds for expenses related to the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston festivities. If approved, the Charleston Tourism Advisory Board will be reimbursed \$1,500. The money will come out of the hotel/motel tax.

The council will also vote on a rescheduling of the Jan. 1 City Council meeting.

"We are going to be moving our Jan. 1 meeting to Jan. 2 so we can take a holiday like everybody else," Inyart said.

City Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Charleston City Hall and are open to the public. City Hall is located at 520 Jackson Ave.

EIU WEATHER

TUESDAY  43° 32° Partly Cloudy W 5-10 mph	WEDNESDAY  36° 24°	WEATHER BRIEF We'll see a slight warm-up in temperatures today from yesterday. However, cloudy skies will prevail over the next few days. Expect a slight chance of snow flurries Wednesday night and Thursday morning. For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather
THURSDAY  38° 30°		

Care packs provide relief for neglected and abused children from meth parents

CARE PACKAGES, FROM PAGE 1

For this reason, the Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition is assembling care packs for children from homes where substances, especially methamphetamines, have been abused.

From 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Education Center, the coalition will be organizing packages for children ranging from infants to high schoolers.

They welcome volunteers in package assembly.

Packages include clothes, toiletries, toys, blankets and other items to help them through their transition.

Some items were donated, while others were purchased through a grant.

The coalition will be able to put together care packs for 20 different children.

After assembly, the care packs will be taken to the police and DCFS, who will give the packages to children immediately after they are removed from their homes.

"The care packs are something to take with them so they have some sort of sense of belonging," Rogers said.

Rogers, the publicity, promotion, outreach and grant manager for WEIU, became involved with the coalition after WEIU had a meth awareness outreach program.

She has been part of the coalition for the past three years.

Three years ago, Coles County was one of the counties in Illinois with the most cases of meth abuse, Rogers said.

Peyton said there have been 218 meth labs dismantled in the last three years in Coles, Douglas and

"The more people actively engage themselves in the coalition and in our project, the more people we can benefit and the better we can benefit our community."

Ke'An Rogers, Meth Awareness Coalition board member

METH'S EFFECTS ON CHILDREN:

Because of their parents' neglect, children are usually malnourished. They also suffer extreme physical and emotional distress. The meth lab chemicals can damage a children's brain, liver, kidney and spleen and cause cancer.

For more info on the Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition, go to www.weiu.net and click on "Outreach."

Moultrie counties combined.

But the labs are now on the decline, and Rogers said she likes to think both WEIU and the coalition have helped.

Lt. Hank Pauls, of the Charleston Police Department, has worked with these children.

Pauls, president of the coalition, said when people become addicted to methamphetamine, their only thoughts are about meth.

The children are usually third on the addicted parents' list of priorities, he said.

He said these people lose all concept of what is vital – and their children are left behind.

Pauls said he has seen confiscated videos taken by meth addicts. They videotape their own children crawling around "usually in squalor" while the parents laugh and joke at the child's expense.

"It's very tragic," he said.

Pauls said even the clothing off

the children's backs has to be removed because of meth contamination.

Pauls said in his experience, the children are usually less than the age of 5.

He said these children are usually attached to a blanket or toy – then the item is "ripped away."

"The only thing you had to cling to is gone," Pauls said.

The care packages will include comfort items for the children to help with that transition, he said.

"These care packs are going to provide some instant relief to some degree," Pauls said.

This is the first time the coalition has assembled care packs, but Rogers is hoping to make it an ongoing project.

"The more people actively engage themselves in the coalition and in our project, the more people we can benefit and the better we can benefit our community," she said.

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Today's blog: Nicole Weskerna on how CNN anchor Nancy Grace really grinds her gears.



EASTERN WOMEN WIN

Each week, the multimedia content on dennews.com is kept on the site throughout the week it originally runs. **What to look for today:** A photo gallery from the Eastern women's basketball game Saturday.



EIU WEATHER CENTER

Online Interactive Editor Chris Essig found out what goes into a meteorology broadcast from Eastern instructor and climatologist Cameron Craig. Craig is also the EIU Weather Center Co-Director.

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Booth uses cold to its advantage

Chilly students admit more than one "true" library use in Facebook group

By Katie Anderson
Campus Editor

"I've only done it once."

"I gotta keep warm somehow, even if it's only for a minute."

"I actually do it more if it's windy or if it's raining."

Facebook quotes 132 people doing it.

What are these people doing?

Walking through the library when it is cold outside.

Katherine Cimarolli, sophomore family consumer sciences major, created a Facebook group for those who do.

Listed under academic organizations, the group description reads, "Well, the EIU library is very, very nice and awesome ... but I only go through it when it's cold outside or when it's raining outside or when it snows."

She said she did not create the group to offend anyone and was initially worried the group may have even caused trouble for its members.

Allan Lanham, dean of the library, said the library thinks the influx of visitors is a good thing whether it is because of the weather or any other reason.

"It doesn't bother us a bit," he said. "As they traverse the two blocks of the building, we hope they find something of interest here that will make them stop or make them come back."

The "I Walk Through" group is not the first Facebook group to feature the building.

Mary J. Booth Library is also the subject of the group "I live at booth library (sic)" and has its own Facebook page called "Booth Library."

Stacey Knight-Davis, assistant professor of Booth Library general operations, said several of Booth's staff had already been on Facebook when she decided to use the Web site for the library strategy as a marketing this year.

"We've been watching Facebook as a way to reach students who might not typically take advantage of our services and resources," she said.

Knight-Davis said she has time scheduled into her job to experiment with new technology and finding ways to help the library.

She said she had been to conferences in which she saw several presentations about using Facebook and other technology at libraries.

"The undergrad library at University of Illinois has been using Facebook for a few years now," she said. "It's where students are, so it's a great place to meet them."

Knight-Davis said the library has not publicized its Facebook endeavors yet and progress has been slow going because it has to wait for people on Facebook to find the Booth page. However, she is excited about the way the page has developed.

The Booth page itself contains updates on library news, events, information session schedules and photos of the Booth staff.



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An Eastern student walks through Booth Library on Monday afternoon. Many students have begun to walk through the library to avoid walking in the cold weather.

The library page also offers an application that allows students to search the library catalog and general article indexes like Article First. In addition, students can use the ASK?AWAY application to receive 24-hour reference support through chat. Both of these applications can be added to an individual's profile, as well.

Knight-Davis said before November, Facebook had rules about businesses and other entities having their own profile pages, and some libraries like the Undergraduate Library at U of I began work-

ing with Facebook through personal accounts. However, Facebook has initiated a new service that allows businesses, bands, churches, libraries and others to obtain a page to use for marketing.

Knight-Davis said she and other reference librarians often check on the page during the day to make sure the applications are still working and to moderate content.

Booth's personal page is accessible through the "I Walk Through" group by clicking on the picture of Booth posted in a comment by Knight-Davis.

ATHLETIC CLUB

Student scores with new soccer club

Men's team open to campus, community

By Cody Rich
Staff Reporter

Jeff Scott loves soccer.

And playing two weeks of intramural soccer was not enough.

Scott was not satisfied.

Scott, junior journalism major, is the founder of a new soccer club for Eastern students and the community.

"I thought there should be more for soccer in the area for adults," Scott said.

The club held tryouts in mid-

October, and 18 men made the team.

Brandon Crone, an automotive sciences major who graduated from Denver Automotive and Diesel College, was one of the 18.

Crone recently moved to Charleston to be closer to family who live in the area.

Crone previously played four years of soccer in high school in a Cheyenne city league in Wyoming, where he grew up.

He is excited about his upcoming season on the new club team.

"The team looks solid, the tryout went real smoothly and everyone knew what they were doing," he said. "We seemed to have real good chem-

istry and communication."

Crone said he will most likely play right wing defender along with goalie.

Although tryouts were held in October, the team will hold another set of tryouts in the spring.

While the team will give soccer players in the area a chance to play the sport they love, the club is not only for recreation.

Scott said the team plans to enter competitions ranging from Eastern intramurals to leagues and tournaments in surrounding cities such as Mattoon and Champaign.

The team will play on a variety of surfaces, including outdoor soccer fields and indoor gyms like the one

at the Mattoon YMCA.

Scott said the team has dues of \$25 per season in addition to league fees after the Mattoon indoor season in the spring.

While the club is not co-ed, Scott encourages women to start their own club.

"If there are individuals that would like to head up a co-ed or women's team, that would be great," he said.

The club is open to male Eastern students and community members.

Dates for the spring tryouts have yet to be released.

For more information on the club or to learn more, e-mail Scott at coachscott@scottsoccer.com or visit <http://www.scottsoccer.com>.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Toy drive to benefit children at Union

"One Campus, One Community" is holding a toy drive for children up to age 12. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Student Activities Center located on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The drive runs through Thursday.

For more information, contact the Student Activities Center at 581-5522.

Gregg Computer Lab to remain open 24/7

On Sunday, the Gregg Triad Computer Lab began 24/7 hours that will last until 10 p.m. Dec. 14.

The computer lab will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until the spring semester begins.

- Matt Hopf, Associate News Editor

Students need update to address on W-2

Employees and students must update the address where their W-2's should be sent.

To do this, students should contact the records office. International students should contact the International Office, and employees should contact Human Resources.

If one is unsure what office to contact, call the Payroll Office at 581-7799 or e-mail cjnelson@eiu.edu for help.

-Katie Anderson, Campus Editor

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

Professional Writing Skills - Word Usage

Time | 10 a.m.

Location | Arcola/Tuscola Room
More info | 581-6402

CORRECTION

On Page 3 of Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, the Holiday Collage Concert was incorrectly named.

Also, the next musical concert date was incorrect.

The EIU Jazz Combos perform tonight at 7:30 in McAfee North Gym.

On Page 1 of Monday's edition of the DEN, an article on the Board of Trustees inadvertently ran that previously appeared in Friday's edition. The board did not meet Monday.

For the article following the meeting, see Page 7.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

One of the wonderful things about being a collegiate athlete, or any level of athlete for that matter, is playing in front of a home crowd, a crowd that wants to see you win.

That kind of enthusiasm motivates the players to give that little bit more. I can only imagine the thrill of playing in that kind of atmosphere.

Unfortunately, that is all our athletes at Eastern can do is imagine it. The student body and community have yet to come out and show their support for Panther basketball.

On the Thursday night game against Indiana State, Panther fans were outnumbered at least 4 to 1 in both size and enthusiasm.

And at every game so far, the largest cheering section for Eastern has been the band.

Sure, they have the ability to make a lot of noise with their instruments, but that means nothing when the cheers that go with the band's tunes are only coming from behind the visiting bench.

It's hard to get pumped when the visiting team cheers your fight song.

Maybe the attitude among many is that the teams are not doing well, therefore why waste time going, right? If every game is an away game very few teams will win. It is a continuous cycle that needs to be broken.

Students at Eastern are very fortunate that they don't have to pay to get into a game. All you need is a Panther card. In comparison, University of Illinois students pay \$11 per game to see the Fighting Illini play at the Assembly Hall.

Among the few students who do come is what is left of the Blue Crew. At that Thursday game, there were only two Blue Crew members in attendance.

I know we all have busy lives and can't go to every game, but for a school of 12,000 in a town of slightly more than 21,000, we should be able to fill an arena meant to hold 5,400.

In my three years at Eastern not once, even during the ESPN game last year, did this community fill Lantz Arena. With both teams returning a majority of their rosters from last year, we have a great chance of going to Nashville for the OVC tournament.

Come out and enjoy college basketball without paying Big Ten prices and create a home-court advantage for our teams.

Zachary Nelson,
junior music major

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | ADAM TEDDER



STAFF EDITORIAL

On the cutting edge, a
new education forms

A new technology has poked its head above the water.

The designers hope to replace a medium that is more than 600 years old.

It's called the Amazon Kindle and it is about the length and width of a paperback book.

It can carry 200 books, and be hooked up to receive new issues of magazines, blogs and newspapers automatically.

It has already been sold out despite its price tag of \$399.

That would seem to put it into the over-expensive new-adopter tech geek category.

This is true, with a cost like that, many people won't be able to afford it.

But what the Kindle represents is far more interesting.

Recently, technology has largely replaced electronics.

A cell phone is just a wired phone, and a DVD player is a replacement for a VCR. Even the Internet, the massive change of the world, is overlaid on a network of telephone lines.

But the Kindle seeks to replace the book, a long-lived, vital, part of Western history.

Will it kill the book? Certainly not, no more than Motorola's 1983 DynaTac killed landline phones.

The DynaTac was a huge brick that cost \$2,500 when it came out, about \$5,600 in today's dollars.

But it was a gateway to the new era of constant communication of today.

But it is a breakthrough for the electronic book market, which has been struggling for years.

A major manufacturer is putting its extensive support behind a new product is a huge step.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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But it may be supplanted. Blackberrys and similar products already allow the reading of electronic books. Apple's iPhone offers the ability to read on top of its abilities as a phone and small computer.

The glory of the free market is that it will bring down costs, and bring them down fairly quickly.

The Kindle is not walking into an open field. Sony, among other companies, already has other versions

that are comparable in many respects.

This encourages all the companies to start cutting into each other's profits. Amazon might win the fight in the e-Book market, but they may also lose it to Sony other competitor.

But for the majority of people, this discussion is entirely irrelevant.

What the Kindle promises is a new way to read books, a real breakthrough in how we read.

Imagine coming to Eastern, buying a \$50 e-book reader and never visiting Textbook Rental.

The costs of eliminating Textbook Rental could support these new readers and the licenses to have the books.

Books can be annotated and highlighted for better understanding, and never occupy space on a bookshelf.

No backbreaking bookbags, no desperately hauling books away from spilled drinks.

It has the potential to be a new era of learning.

Any woman
but that one

The candidacy of Sen. Hillary Clinton has been infused with a kind of novelty that only an "America's first 'insert race/sexual orientation/gender here' candidate" could invoke.

At the same time, Clinton's apologists have dismissed gender as a legitimate issue. I think we can all be excited that America is finally breaking with an antiquated social norm by all but acquiescing to an eerie presidential sequence of Bush-Clinton-Bush-Clinton.

However, I can't help but lament that America's first legitimate shot at a female president is such a bad one.

Some would argue that Clinton's gender puts America in a lesser position when negotiating with particularly paternalistic societies.

Such arguments are an unfortunate and anachronistic platitude when one considers that Condoleezza Rice, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto have all shown that such societies can evince exemplarily respectful behavior when faced with female leaders and societies.

The behavior and treatment of these women during their tenures have shown that they can be treated with as much disdain, disrespect, love and adulation as their male counterparts.

The reasons that Clinton is ill-prepared to be my president has little to do with my worries that certain extreme elements within the Middle East or elsewhere may respect our country less. Unfortunately for those who have long awaited a legitimate female candidate, Clinton is a self-serving and erudite politico, yet another special-interest servant who will do little to unite the country.

At first it seems interesting that Sen. Barack Obama and Clinton are front-runner candidates, considering the traditional hurdles non-white, non-male candidates have faced in the American political process.

It perhaps speaks to America's desire to break out of its traditional mold. Personally, I'd say it speaks to the strength of Obama and Clinton.

Their front-runner status is exemplified in the Iowa polls: A recent poll by the Des Moines Register, Iowa's largest newspaper, shows Obama, once trailing, now leading Clinton by three points.

What exactly was it that put Obama over the edge in the Iowa polls? It is Americans' realization that the only change Clinton brings to the American presidency is her gender.

Clinton's strongest asset is her experience, and especially, as her campaign touts, her experience with health care.

Yet it is health care, and the hopelessness of her plan to recreate the American health care landscape, that exemplifies her inability to unite the nation or Congress behind her.

The male-only presidency is a ridiculous legacy that America must change.

Electing America's first female president would be a powerful way to convey a message of change to the world. W

hile we progressive-minded voters are anxious to send an "America first..." president to the White House, we cannot allow our zeal for change to cloud our vision for America. Clinton is more of the same.

I would welcome the change of having a woman as my president, but Hillary Clinton must not be that woman.

Gerald Cox is a writer for the *Badger Herald*, University of Wisconsin

'I had this unexpected sense of relief'

ADOPTION, FROM PAGE 1

Kilgore-Hadley said there was not much information online. She began searching for her birth mother's name elsewhere and found names of people who lived in the same area.

She tried calling one of the names she found. It was her birth mother's cousin.

This then led to her calling her birth mother's parents.

"I actually called my biological grandparents, and that was really crazy because I didn't know if they knew or anything," Kilgore-Hadley said. "So, at first, I just said, 'I'm an old friend of Sharon's' and tried to play it off like that, like I was a detective or something."

She said they were rightly suspicious but once she told the truth, they were more than willing to let her have her birth mother's phone number.

Now that it was actually time to talk to her mother, Kilgore-Hadley said she was nervous.

"I didn't really know how to feel about it because you don't have anything to base that on," she said. "If you're nervous about a job interview, you can kind of relate that to other times you've had situations like that, even if it's your first job interview."

Both Kilgore and his wife, Dolly, were there when Christy made the call to her birth mother, Sharon Gritsko-Nichols, of Texas.

Kilgore said Kilgore-Hadley wanted her mother to make the call for her.

Dolly made the first call, but got Gritsko-Nichols' machine.

Kilgore suggested his daughter call the answering machine so she could hear what her birth mother's voice sounded like.

"Christy thought that'd be a cool idea, so she picked up the phone and placed the call and all of a sudden her face just went white," Kilgore said. "She said, 'Mom, she's answering!' and gave (the phone) to Dolly."

Kilgore said Dolly had been playing the "calm-guiding parent figure," but after she took the phone and said, "Hello," she burst into tears and could not speak for

TYPES OF ADOPTION:

DOMESTIC WAITING CHILD ADOPTION

- Can be handled through public or private agencies.
- Child's guardianship is held by the state and adoptive families are licensed by the public or private agency.

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- Can be handled through public or private agencies with guardianship held by the state and placement with licensed adoptive parents.
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- Can be handled through public or private agencies. The Illinois agency licenses the adoptive family and works with an agency in another country to arrange for the placement and transportation of the child.

FAMILY ADOPTIONS

- Adoption of a child by a relative.
- Can be handled by an agency. An agency would be involved if the relative child is in foster care.
- Can be handled privately by an attorney.

STEP-PARENT ADOPTIONS

- Generally handled privately by an attorney.
- If the child is in foster care, then the public or private agency handles the adoption.

Source: Adoption Center of Illinois

nearly a minute.

After gaining composure, Dolly was able to tell Gritsko-Nichols who they were.

She said she would be happy to talk to Kilgore-Hadley.

Gritsko-Nichols said their first phone conversation was very exciting.

"I never knew what her parents had named her, so just knowing her name was exciting to me," she said. "I loved hearing her voice. It was cool that her phone voice is so much like my sister's voice."

Gritsko-Nichols, 52, was also relieved that Kilgore-Hadley was not angry with her. That had been

one of her fears.

The two decided to meet in September.

Gritsko-Nichols, a bookkeeper and office manager, said she was nervous and worried about what to wear that day.

"I was finally going to actually hold and touch the little baby girl I gave up for adoption 30 years ago," Gritsko-Nichols said. "The feelings are more than I can put into words."

She said she will never forget when she held and hugged her daughter for the first time because it was "the most awesome thing I've ever experienced in my life."

"Oddly enough, at the same time, I had this unexpected sense of relief," Gritsko-Nichols said. "I hadn't realized it, but I never really accepted that she was truly safe until I was able to actually touch (her) for myself."

Kilgore-Hadley said she was also nervous and did not expect for it to be as comfortable as it was.

"I thought it would be like, you'd get there, and you'd eat dinner, and then you'd just be staring at each other for an hour," she said. "But, I mean, we talked the whole time, and there was a lot of weird little quirky things that we had in common that you wouldn't even think of."

They are both "chapstick addicts."

"I have it stashed all over the house, in my car and I always say I'm like an alcoholic with chapstick; I've got it hidden everywhere," Kilgore-Hadley said. "And she's the same way with chapstick."

During the visit, Kilgore-Hadley was able to learn about why she was put up for adoption.

Gritsko-Nichols said it was the hardest decision she ever had to make.

Now that Kilgore-Hadley has two kids of her own, she respects her birth mother even more because of how unselfish it was.

"It'd be really easy to do what you want to do in the moment and keep the baby whether or not it's the best thing," Kilgore-Hadley said "And to be in that kind of situation and still be thinking of what's best for a child, rather than what's best for yourself, is a pretty incredible decision."

Gritsko-Nichols was 21 years old when she learned she was pregnant.

She said her thoughts were only of what would be best for the baby growing inside her.

She said it was not a time to think about her feelings.

"I had to fight against the voice of that selfish woman inside my head - the voice (that) was telling me to think of 'me, me, me,'" Gritsko-Nichols said. "It was a familiar voice - one I'd been listening to, and acting on, for years."

"I was quite comfortable with its sound. But now, probably for the first time in my life, I truly understood how important it was to fight against that voice."

Gritsko-Nichols said she developed a mantra and repeatedly asked herself, "What is best for the child?" to help her get through the difficult times.

"Financially, and, more importantly, emotionally, everything was so wrong in my life that it would have been extremely selfish of me to bring a child into my screwed up world," Gritsko-Nichols said.

Meanwhile, Kilgore, then a 25-year-old graduate student in California, and Dolly, then 28, wanted to start their own family, but Kilgore said that was beginning to look as if that might never happen.

They looked into adoption, but there was a four-year waiting list.

However, a friend of Kilgore's family had adopted children as a single mother.

They talked to her to see if she could help them with a private adoption.

Nothing could be done at the moment for them, so Kilgore said they forgot about it until four or five months later when the phone rang. It was their friend, asking if they were still interested in adopting.

That was in April 1977, and Kilgore-Hadley came along in July.

"It was like instant parenthood," Kilgore said. "We went from being not-parents to parents awfully quick there. We didn't have that nine-month line up."

Kilgore-Hadley said she is well aware she could have ended up anywhere, but she got the family she did.

"I feel very really connected to my family because I know that it wasn't inevitable that I was a member of their family," she said. "I know that there's a million different ways that it could have gone."

This is part of the reason why when Kilgore-Hadley married, she decided to hyphenate her name and not take her husband's name.

"I wasn't just born into that name, so it was important to me to keep that," she said.



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Carman council says: Relax

Residence halls help students deal with finals week pressures

By **Jordan Crook**
RHA Reporter

Finals are less than a week away – but students should not stress.

Residence halls are preparing for finals week along with students, and many are taking extra steps to ensure that students have time to ... relax.

During the week, students living in residence halls will be subject to intensive quiet hours.

Residents and guests will be prohibited from making loud noises to allow others the opportunity to study for final exams.

But to give students a break from the monotony of being muted during this time, the hall councils of each residence hall usually offer snacks and games during the breaks in intensive quiet hours.

The Carman Hall Council executive board decided to give students a chance to let their stress and anxiety go before finals begin with “Less Stress Before Tests,” a slate of activities and entertainment tonight.

Sophomore elementary education major Rachel Sosey, the publicity chair for the Carman Hall executive board, said their activities will allow students to have fun and release tension before next week.

“We just hope (students) can relax a little bit before test time,” she said. “It’s such a stressful time.”

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Rachel Sosey, publicity chair for the Carman Hall executive board, on activities planned for finals week

To manage this stress, Sosey said the council invited the student theater group Hello Dali to perform its comedy routines.

She said residents could watch the show, have fun and unwind while participating in an activity, allowing them to be distracted from the looming shadow of final exams.

Along with the humor from Hello Dali, Sosey said the council decid-

ed to also invite several representatives of the Health Education Resource Center to provide students with massages and aromatherapy.

“It’s just to let students relax before finals,” she said.

Rachel Fisher, communications and marketing specialist for HERC, said several different kinds of therapeutic equipment would be on hand at the event for students to take

advantage of.

She said representatives would bring electronic back, calf and foot massagers to provide students with relaxing massages to release any built-up tension within their muscles.

Fisher also said students will be given aromatherapy bags that are meant to stimulate memory and allow students to sleep easier in the face of any stress.

Fisher commended the Carman Hall council for deciding to host an event like this because she said she thinks students need opportunities like these to relieve themselves of the stress schoolwork and finals cause.

“We’re happy to do it,” she said. “I always think it’s important for people to take time to relax.”

PHOTO POLL

With less than one week of classes remaining before finals week Dec. 10 - 13, we asked students:



"I have a study group and then go out to dinner with friends the night before finals."

Julianna Stevenson, freshman accounting major



"I like to get a book that's just fun to read, spend some alone time in the library and bake."

Josh Farmer, sophomore music education major



"I get more sleep and try to eat a better breakfast. I also tend to bite my nails during finals week."

Jessica Sippel, junior elementary education major

"How do you prepare for success during finals week?"



"I start a week early to go over notes. I make sure I set aside a break to hang out with friends and play racquetball or basketball."

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Board approves \$3.42 million

Presentation in steam plant shows plant deteriorating

By Matt Hopf
Associate News Editor

Douglas Hall will undergo renovations over the summer after the Board of Trustees approved \$3.42 million for construction at Friday's meeting.

The bathrooms of Douglas Hall will be expanded to allow for more privacy.

A fire sprinkler system, an emergency announcement system and electric service upgrades will be completed throughout the building.

The construction will begin after the spring semester and will be finished by the start of the fall semester in 2008.

Funds for the project come from a capital dollar project budget from the

Housing and Dining budget.

The Board of Trustees also listened to a presentation from Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, about the condition of the steam plant.

Cooley said the plant is \$14 million behind in deferred maintenance.

He showed pictures of cracks in the facility and equipment that cannot be purchased because the plant is about 80 years old.

Even in the summary of purchases report, there was a \$149,500 emergency repair to rebuild the stoker in the plant.

The stoker feeds the coal into the boiler, Cooley said.

The future solution to the problem is to build a new \$60 million steam plant.

Currently, Eastern purchases coal to create steam for the campus, and it also purchases electricity from an electric supplier.

If a plant is built, the new steam plant would also create electricity for

the campus, and the electric suppliers would be used for standby power, Cooley said.

To pay for the plant, the university would need \$25 million from federal and state government, and would pay off bonds from the energy savings.

The university would partner with a company to build a new steam plant to form an ESCO project.

The company would guarantee the savings from the project would pay the bonds off in 20 years.

But plant would not be the first time the university has entered a performance contract.

Performance contracts the university previously entered have reduced electric consumption by 35 percent and water consumption by 45 percent.

If the university entered a performance contract, the utility dollars the university has would be used to produce electricity and steam on campus. The savings would pay off the

bond Eastern would have to take out to pay for the plant.

In other business, Rachel Fisher from the Health Education Resource Center presented the "Good Neighbors" campaign to the board.

The campaign was designed to improve relations between off-campus residents and the residents of Charleston.

The program ran alcohol-free tailgate parties at football games and created a social planning guide for students.

Also, the board approved a three-year labor contract with the Teamsters Local #26, which would provide the 16 members a four percent raise in 2007 and a three percent raise in 2008 and 2009. The union ratified the contract Sept. 25.

The board tabled a 10-year \$500,000 paving contract with Consolidated Services, Inc. in Charleston.

The board plans to take another look at it and possibly make the contract shorter, Cooley said.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Man accused of taking hostages wanted help

ROCHESTER, N.H. — The man accused of taking hostages at a Hillary Clinton campaign office had been drinking heavily before the standoff and talked about his problems getting medical care, according to family interviews and a court document released Monday.

Leeland Eisenberg, 46, is accused of walking into the Clinton office on Friday with what appeared to be explosives strapped to his body and holding campaign workers hostage for hours after demanding to speak to Clinton about mental health care, authorities said.

Eisenberg faces charges of kidnapping, criminal threatening and fraudulent use of a bomb-like device.

Driver passes test in Texas, then crashes car

HOUSTON — A student driver passed his test Monday, then crashed the car into the Texas Department of Public Safety building.

No one was hurt. The man was parking the car when the vehicle went over the curb and hit a wall of the brick building, creating a small hole, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

The driving examiner was not in the car, Vinger said.

Rain and wind slam Northwest region

PORTLAND, Ore. — Untold numbers of residents found themselves in the dark Monday as hurricane-force winds and heavy rain battered the Northwest for a second day, blocking roads with trees, power lines, high water and mud.

Two flood-related deaths were reported near Chehalis, Wash., and Oregon transportation officials warned drivers not to attempt passage through the Coast Range as the second of two storms blew through.

Prosecutors review Peterson investigation

Inquiry to determine if former sergeant could be charged in wife's disappearance

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Prosecutors are reviewing an internal Bolingbrook Police investigation to determine whether a former sergeant suspected in his wife's disappearance could be criminally charged for what the department alleges were instances of official misconduct.

Police Lt. Ken Teppel declined Monday to provide any details of Drew Peterson's alleged misconduct, but a "Good Morning America" report that it included allegedly using police computers to find information on friends of Peterson's missing wife brought strong denials from Peterson's attorney.

Stacy Peterson, 23, disappeared in late October and authorities have named her 53-year-old husband a

suspect in what they have said is a potential homicide. Prosecutors also are reviewing the death of Drew Peterson's third wife, Kathleen Savio, and have said the drowning, deemed accidental at the time, may have been a homicide staged to look that way.

Peterson has not been named a suspect in her death.

Attorney Joel Brodsky said Monday that Peterson denies using department computers or databases to gather information about his wife's family or friends or in any unauthorized way.

Brodsky said he has written in a letter to Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow that charging Peterson with doing so would constitute "vindictive prosecution" because others have not been charged with a practice Brodsky says is widespread.

"Our investigation reveals that it was common practice of members of the Bolingbrook Police Department and employees, where people would run family members, cousins

and such to see if there were any active warrants or see if there was anything on a daughter's new boyfriend," Brodsky said.

Teppel would not confirm whether the internal affairs investigation launched after Stacy Peterson was reported missing Oct. 29 had anything to do with Peterson's alleged use of department computers.

But he disputed Brodsky's contention that the practice is widespread and unchecked.

Teppel added that the department could lose the state certification that allows it to run names if it does so in the way Brodsky described.

Whatever the allegations against Peterson, they were serious enough that the then-sergeant was notified Nov. 9 he'd been suspended without pay and ordered to report with his attorney for an internal affairs interview Nov. 13.

Also Nov. 9, authorities named Peterson a suspect in Stacy Peterson's disappearance and announced they were exhuming Savio's body to

conduct an additional autopsy.

Teppel said that on Nov. 12, a man who said he was Peterson's brother brought a resignation letter from Peterson to the station. Chief Ray McGury refused to accept the resignation, saying he wanted Peterson fired.

But Peterson did not show up for the Nov. 13 interview and refused to cooperate, claiming, according to Teppel, that he's not obligated because he is no longer an employee.

Teppel said that after that ruling, the department gave the internal investigation to Glasgow. Glasgow spokesman Chuck Pelkie would not discuss the investigation other than to say there were no charges as of Monday.

Brodsky on Monday also discussed a weekend Illinois State Police news release that said someone they believed was Drew Peterson asked two truck drivers to take a package to an undisclosed location hours after Peterson's wife disappeared.

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Kloak can step up

MURPHY, FROM PAGE 12

Kloak only played in 17 games last season and played a season-high eight minutes in the win against Illinois-Springfield last season.

"It was nice to see (Kloak) fill that void," said Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee. "(Lip-perd's) a kid that works hard every day."

The Elmwood Park native Kloak started her first game against Bradley. She's starting to develop a turn-around jumper much like Galligan's. She swings her body around and lifts the ball above the defending post player and into the basket. Kloak had to do this against bigger forwards, including Indiana State's Laura Rudolphi and Loyola of Chicago's Elyse VanBogaert.

But Galligan has been a face for this team.

She averaged 8.3 rebounds last season and is averaging 6.2 rebounds this season. The 6-foot-2 forward was a preseason Ohio Valley Conference pick this season after she was a First-Team OVC pick last season. She is the program's third player with the most blocked shots (115).

Finding someone to replace Galligan won't be easy.

One of the most athletic team members, as Sallee said, is Ashley Blue. But Blue left the team. Blue was a junior forward transfer from Cleveland State Community College. Blue averaged more than eight rebounds a game last season and was expected to be in rotation off the bench.

That leaves Kloak, Lipperd and another forward, Marie Baker. Bak-

er, as sophomore, played 63 minutes last season and had 10 points in 20 games last season. Baker has played 11 minutes this season.

Only Kloak has the potential to be another Galligan this season.

The other starting forward - Lindsey Kluempers - is a shooting forward. She's not an inside post player like Galligan. The Panthers need a post player who acts like a center.

And that is Kloak, who is a walk-on.

Galligan's presence on the court is evident on the sideline. With a black boot on her left foot, Galligan was cheering against Indiana State.

The Bloomington native led the team in scoring (499 points) last season. She broke Panther single-season records for free throws made and attempted and led the conference in both categories in regular-season play. She has led the conference in blocked shots for the past two seasons.

The team has won one game without Galligan, but it needs a little bit more work if they want to contend in the OVC without her.

Kloak has taken that step. During the pregame warm-up against Loyola, Kloak yelled out for the team to stay focused. She brings the right mentality to game.

When Galligan becomes healthy again, Kloak can slide right in there as another true post player, one who can block shots and pull down rebounds and use her body. Or Kloak can give valuable minutes to Galligan.

Either way, both of these post players will be important down the stretch if Eastern wants to contend for an OVC title.

Samford player may be out for season

DESIRED, FROM PAGE 12

Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette said he is fearful that starting guard Curtis West is done for the year because of a torn labrum. West, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior, injured his shoulder during Saturday morning's practice, Tillette said. West dove for a ball, and a teammate landed on his shoulder. West could not lift his arm above his head, and an MRI was scheduled for Monday,

Tillette said. He said The trainers are pessimistic about his return.

Hanna Arena set for OVC debut on ESPNU

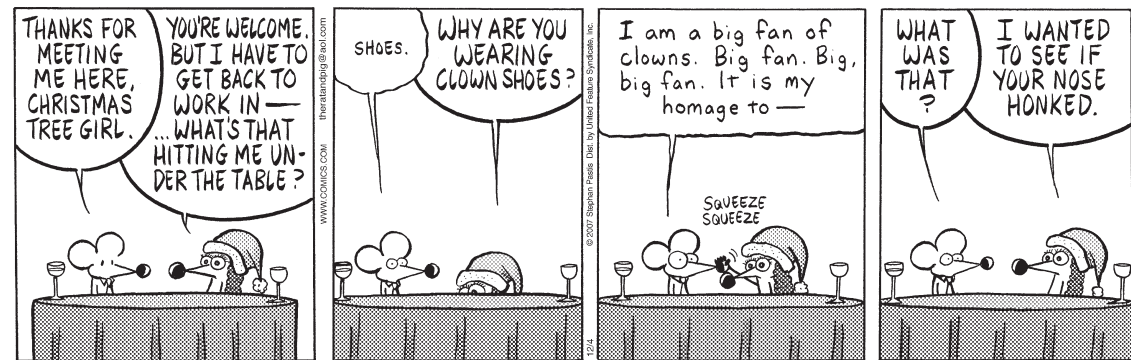
ESPN will televise Thursday night's game between in-state rivals Jacksonville State and Samford at the first-year Pete Hanna Center, the new arena for Samford.

Tillette said he hopes for a larger-than-normal crowd at the 5,000 seat arena. The Bulldogs have aver-

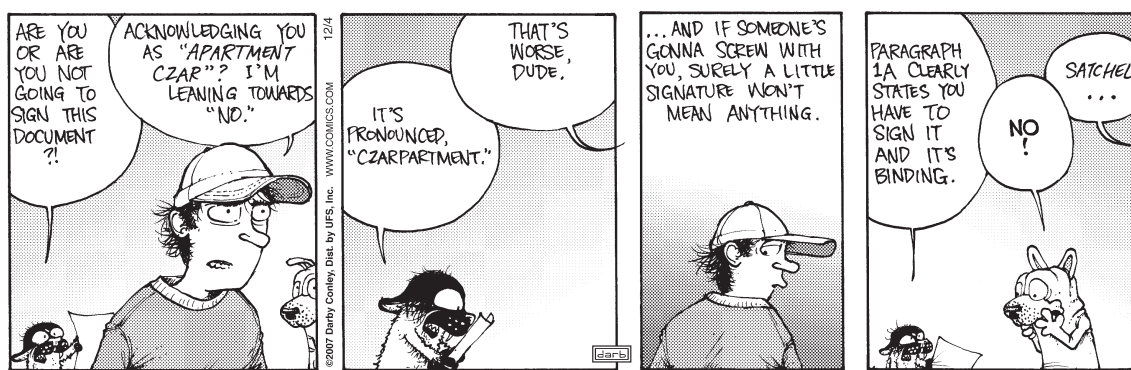
aged 817 fans during their first three games at the new building. The Hanna Center is the first new arena to open in the league since Murray State opened the Regional Special Events Center in 1998.

"I think that's going to be a great asset to their program," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante. "From our standpoint, going into a road game, it doesn't really matter what arena you play. But it will be an adjustment to play in a new arena."

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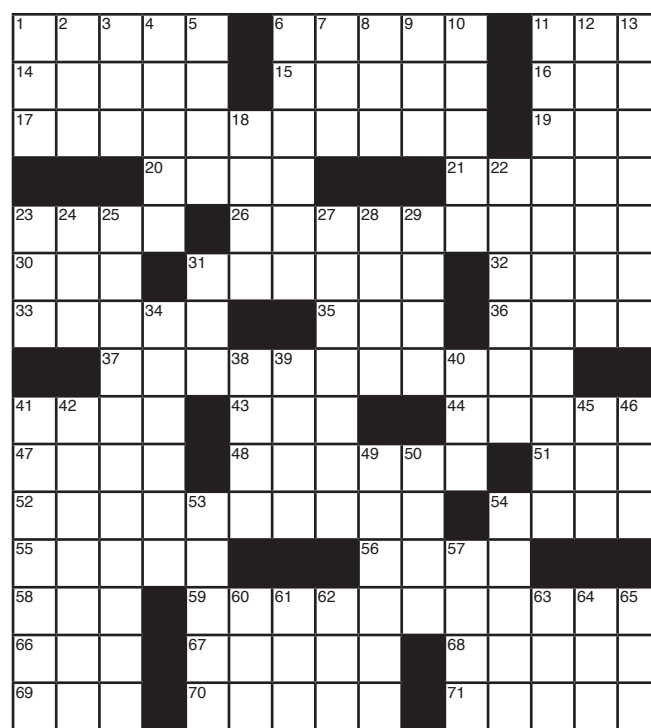
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 - 20 Amateurish
 - 21 "___ economy is always beauty": Henry James
 - 23 Buggy rider
 - 26 Loofah, e.g.
 - 30 108-card game
 - 31 Start the pot
 - 32 Pest control brand
 - 33 Spoil
 - 35 Bibliophile's suffix
 - 36 Tipplers
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 - 44 Back at sea?
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 - 48 For dieters
 - 51 Smidgen
 - 52 Shoot-'em-up figure
 - 54 Harmony, briefly
 - 55 Clobber, biblically
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 - 59 What the starts of 17-, 26-, 37- and 52-Across are
 - 66 Crib cry
 - 67 Burger topper, maybe
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 - 69 Salon job
 - 70 Cuts and pastes
 - 71 TV awards

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- 1 Amniotic ___
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- 42 Barnard grads
- 45 Bled, like dyes
- 46 "Deal or No Deal" network
- 49 Fakes, as an injury
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- 53 Leave alone
- 54 "Beat it!"
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | NOTEBOOK

Teams want good weeks of practice

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams return to practice this week after the disappointing placing this past weekend.

The women captured sixth place with a score of 198 points, while the men had 361 points.

In a meet that was dominated primarily by a Ball State powerhouse team, there was no individual from the Panthers who finished with a first or second-place score.

"We're going to work hard this week," senior Tim O'Hagan said. "It was a tough meet, and we didn't swim as well as we thought we would. We're going to do as well as we can."



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Monday afternoon. The Panthers

Freshman Jayson Shine practices his freestyle stroke in Lantz Natatorium Monday afternoon. The Panthers competed at the House of Champions meet last weekend in Indianapolis.

ing trip in December. There's a meet at the end of the trip against the other teams in the country. The trip is nine days long, so we're hoping to perform really well at the invite."

Senior Jen Beresheim agreed with O'Hagan that the Panthers were not at full strength at the House of Champions and knows the team

must prepare fully.

"We are working on endurance; our whole team was tired this past weekend," Beresheim said. "Hopefully, (head coach) Ray (Padovan) will work on sprints and in the long events. We really need to work on our longer events, since a vast majority of us had bad times in the

long events."

In the second half, all members of the team are expected to continue to develop and improve their times.

Athletes to watch during second part of season

"I hope a whole bunch of them will step up. We have several guys

who are right on the edge. One swimmer is (freshman) Bret Starkey in the breaststroke that has stepped up," Padovan said. "There's several new key people on both sides that will need to keep developing along with our regulars."

Other individuals, including some of the freshmen as well as upperclassmen, need to step up to ensure a strong finish for the second half of the season.

"We're looking forward to (freshman) Cody Showers; he's been good in two events. (Freshman) Jayson Shine has had a rocky season. He sprained his ankle during our dry land practice, but he's getting back now," O'Hagan said. "They will be key for the rest of the season. (Junior) Pat LeNeave had a good meet this past weekend, and junior Brent Noble needs to stay consistent to keep dropping off time."

"(Sophomores) Laura Nilsen and Lauren Zillmer hands-down will be dropping times," Beresheim said. "Alyssa Lehman hasn't hit her goal times yet, but they all will do awesome. (Senior) Patty Young has also had a great season and will continue to do well. (Senior) Jamie Lelo has amazed everyone by dropping times from meet to meet."

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Illini fans rush for Rose Bowl tickets

CHAMPAIGN — For Illini, the rush for Rose Bowl tickets is on.

The University of Illinois says it's already received 12,000 requests for tickets to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., where the Illini will play Southern California on New Year's Day. The surge comes a day after officials picked the Illini to play in their first Rose Bowl since 1984. It'll be the first bowl game for the U of I since 2002. Illinois will have about 26,000 tickets to sell.

School donors and season-ticket holders will get first crack at them. They have until Friday to put in their requests. Student season-ticket hold-

ers have until Wednesday evening.

Any tickets still left go on sale to the public next week.

Cuban says there's little movement on Cubs front

CHICAGO — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is a frequent visitor to Wrigley Field and has made it clear he's interested in purchasing the Cubs. There's been little movement on that front, though.

"Nothing's changed. Right now, we're waiting for the (economic) reports to come out in January," Cuban said before Monday's game between the Mavericks and Bulls.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Governors of the league

Five starters, experience make Austin Peay the tops in the conference

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern Illinois men's basketball returns its entire lineup this season.

Unfortunately, defending Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion Austin Peay does, as well.

The Governors (3-4, 1-0 OVC) pulled away from the league last year with 16 conference victories.

And they could do it again this year with five returning starters, the conference player of the year and another All OVC second-team selection.

Drake Reed, Fernandez Lockett and Todd Babington will be the central core of Austin Peay's offense.

Reed, the 2007 OVC Player of the Year, averaged 16.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in the conference slate.

"I really think Austin Peay's experience and their five returning starters, they're doing the same thing this year that they were doing last year against difficult opponents," said Bill Kennedy, Murray State head coach.

Reed, the Preseason OVC League Player of the Year, is posting similar numbers this season with one conference game already played (a 79-76 win against Tennessee Tech on Saturday night). He is averaging 14.3 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game this season.

"Their lack of size really killed them (against non-conference teams)," said Kyle Whelliston, the national mid-major reporter for Basketball Times. "As far as this league goes, they have a lot of the 6-4, 6-5 guy who can drive and create baseline drivers who can take care a lot of these teams that are dominated by 6-0, 6-1 guys."

Reed, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound forward, will be assisted by another Governor forward. Senior forward Fernandez Lockett averaged 7.6 rebounds a game and led the team in rebounds last season. He also averaged 10.9 points per game last season in conference play. Lockett is a preseason conference pick. The red-shirt senior will use his last season to help the Governors reach the NCAA Tournament.

"I really like Austin Peay," Whelliston said. "They've got super



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Austin Peay red-shirt senior forward Fernandez Lockett drives against a Tennessee Tech defender Saturday night. Austin Peay won the first Ohio Valley Conference game of the season with a 79-26 win. Lockett is a preseason league pick after he was a second-team league pick last season.

huge chips on their shoulders from what happened in March. Sort of that last-second thing. You don't pick against teams with shoulder chips."

Eastern Kentucky defeated the Governors with a last-second layup with three seconds to go in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship.

"Everyone, I think, agrees Austin Peay is ahead of the league and how they play," said Jeff Neubauer, Eastern Kentucky head coach.

Austin Peay is a team that has done well in the regular season, but has struggled to finish in the post-season.

The team has won conference regular season titles in 2003, 2004 and 2007.

They only won the tournament in 2003. They lost the tournament championship games in 2004 and

AUSTIN PEAY



Coach: Dave Loos
Top Players: Drake Reed, Fernandez Lockett, Todd Babington
Record last year: 21-12, 16-4 (First)
Record so far: 3-4; 1-0 (OVC)
Advancement: Lost in OVC Championships, NIT First Round

2005 to Eastern Kentucky. It's also a favored team to win the OVC with 19 first-place votes.

In the past five seasons and one game this season, Austin Peay has won 66 conference games.

That includes a perfect 16-0 record during league play in 2004

and 13-3 in 2003.

Morehead State head coach Donnie Tyndall thinks Austin Peay is still the team to beat.

"I think without question, Austin Peay, with their talent and experience level, I still think is the team that is quite a bit out in front of everybody else," Tyndall said. "They started off the conference on the right foot."

Austin Peay also looks to represent the conference in the NCAA Tournament.

And that puts more pressure on it because the last team to win in the tournament was Middle Tennessee in 1989.

"It would take a lot of breaks for a team like this to win in March," Whelliston said.

— Staff Reporter Matt Daniels contributed to this story.

REST OF THE OVC

EASTERN ILLINOIS
Coach: Mike Miller
Top Players: Romain Martin, Bobby Catchings
Record last year: 10-20, 6-14 (10th)
Record so far: 1-6

EASTERN KENTUCKY
Coach: Jeff Neubauer
Top Players: Mike Rose, Adam Leonard
Record last year: 21-12/13-7 (Second/tie); Record so far: 3-4
Advancement: NCAA Tournament in First Round

JACKSONVILLE STATE
Coach: Jeff Neubauer
Top Players: Will Ginn, DeAndre Bray
Record last year: 9-21, 7-13 (Ninth)
Record so far: 2-5

MOREHEAD STATE
Coach: Donnie Tyndall
Top Players: Leon Buchanan, Maze Stallworth
Record last year: 12-18, 8-12 (Seventh/tie); Record so far: 2-4
Advancement: OVC Tournament First Round

MURRAY STATE
Coach: Billy Kennedy
Top Players: Bruce Carter, Tyler Holloway
Record last year: 16-14, 13-7 (Second /tie); Record so far: 3-2
Advancement: OVC Tournament First Round

SAMFORD
Coach: Jimmy Tillette
Top Players: Travis Peterson, Joe Ross Merritt
Record last year: 16-16/12-8 (Fifth)
Record so far: 2-4
Advancement: OVC Tournament Semifinals

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
Coach: Scott Edgar
Top Players: Brandon Foust, Calvin Williams
Record last year: 11-20/9-11 (Sixth)
Record so far: 4-4
Advancement: OVC Tournament First Round

TENNESSEE STATE
Coach: Cy Alexander
Top Players: Bruce Price, Gerald Robinson
Record last year: 12-20, 8-12 (Seventh/tie); Record so far: 2-4
Advancement: OVC Tournament First Round

TENNESSEE TECH
Coach: Mike Sutton
Top Players: Anthony Fisher, Amadi McKenzie
Record last year: 19-13/13-7 (Second/tie); Record so far: 2-6 (1-0 OVC)
Advancement: OVC Tournament Semifinals

TENNESSEE-MARTIN
Coach: Bret Campbell
Top Players: Lester Hudson, Gerald Robinson
Record last year: 8-23, 5-15 (11th)
Record so far: 4-4

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

The men's and women's swimming teams look to work hard this week in practice after disappointing performances in the House of Champions meet.

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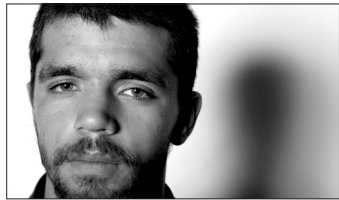
Eastern graduate and Dallas Cowboys quarterback **Tony Romo** continued his roll as the Cowboys beat the Green Bay Packers 37-27 Thursday.

Romo finished 19-of-30 for 309 yards, and he threw four touchdowns with one interception. The Cowboys are 11-1.

In other Panther alum news, former Eastern player and coach and Denver Broncos head coach **Mike Shanahan's** team was defeated by the Oakland Raiders 34-20.

Former Eastern quarterback and New Orleans Saints head coach **Sean Payton's** team defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 27-23.

Eastern graduate and Minnesota Vikings head coach **Brad Childress'** team beat the Detroit Lions 42-10.



KEVIN MURPHY

Galligan's injured toe wreaks havoc

Without Rachel Galligan, the Eastern's women's basketball team is not the same.

Galligan is the team's leader.

She led the team in scoring and rebounding last season.

The junior forward cannot play because of an injured toe. She is not expected to be back until the Dec. 19 to 21 road trip against Ohio Valley Conference opponents Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

Galligan led the team in scoring last season with 17.2 points a game. Eastern did not play with the Bloomington native.

Galligan has played in 63 games the past three seasons. She has started 60 of those games. The 2006 conference Freshman of the Year is the program's free-throw shots made leader.

The Panthers have to use a rotation of sophomore forward Maggie Kloak and junior forward Julie Lipperd in the game in terms of post position.

Kloak, a recruited walk-on, has started in Galligan's place

She had eight points in the exhibition game against Truman State earlier this season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Much left to be desired

OVC teams struggle before conference season opens

By **Matt Daniels**
Staff Reporter

To say the Ohio Valley Conference has struggled in men's basketball non-conference play is an understatement.

The league, currently ranked 30th of 31 Division I conferences by realtimerpi.com, started conference play this past Saturday, with Austin Peay's 79-76 win at Tennessee Tech.

The league has compiled a 27-45 record in non-conference games through Sunday night. The 27 wins represent the fourth-lowest number of wins among all conferences in Division I.

However, the 45 losses represent the most losses in the most games by any conference in the nation.

By comparison, three conferences have won less than 27 non-conference games. The Southwestern Athletic Conference is 11-46, the Ivy League is 21-34 and the America East Conference is 26-38.

Only one of the 11 teams, Murray State at 3-2, has a winning record. League favorite Austin Peay came away from non-conference play with a 2-4 record, with two of its losses at Vanderbilt and Memphis.

"I hope that it's helped prepare us and expose some of the things we need to work on," said Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos. "I think we learned something about our team in all of those (road) games."

The struggles on the road have been even less favorable for OVC schools. The league is 4-31 away from home.

"I think the first month with everybody in our conference has been extremely challenging," said



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Head coach Mike Miller gives instructions during drills Monday afternoon's practice in Lantz Arena as freshman guard Tyler Laser looks on.

Southeast Missouri head coach Scott Edgar, whose team, along with Samford, has defeated Evansville out of the Missouri Valley Conference. "But my teams are usually not as good in early-December as they are in late-January."

Shattered backboard delays AP-Tech game

Saturday's game between Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech was delayed for more than an hour after a dunk shattered a glass backboard at the Eblen Center.

Tech's Amadi McKenzie and Daniel Northern combined for the dunk after a missed shot in the first half. Tech head coach Mike Sutton said it was not the first time he had seen the 6-foot-7, 230-pound McKenzie break a backboard.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (THROUGH DEC. 3)

Team	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
Austin Peay	2-4	1-0	0-3	1-1
Eastern Illinois	1-6	1-1	0-4	0-1
Eastern Kentucky	3-4	3-1	0-3	N/A
Jacksonville State	2-5	2-1	0-3	0-1
Morehead State	2-4	2-0	0-4	N/A
Murray State	3-2	3-0	0-2	N/A
Samford	2-4	1-2	1-2	N/A
Southeast Missouri	4-4	2-0	1-3	1-1
Tennessee State	2-3	1-1	1-0	0-2
Tennessee Tech	2-5	2-1	0-4	N/A
Tennessee-Martin	4-4	2-1	1-3	1-0

"At least I wasn't under this one," Sutton said. "I'll give him 3 and a half (shattered backboards). He's already done 3 backboards. I was under two of them in the past

in practice. The other was in pickup game. (But Saturday's) was just regular, middle-of-the-road type of dunk."

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Brothers continue to show improvement

Danville grads contribute to team

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It isn't surprising the Showers brothers thrive off each other and are key members of the men's swimming team.

"Thomas, (during) his first two years, worked really hard; they feed off of each other," said team captain and senior Tim O'Hagan. "Cody is a fast freshman swimmer. It's fun to have them in practice because of how well they motivate each other. They are both big assets to this team. When they are around and both in the pool, they are great to have."

This season, Thomas has been a key addition to the 200-yard and 400-yard relay teams. At the Panther Invitational, he helped post a 1 minute, 39.93 seconds in winning the 200-yard medley relay, and also

a first-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay in 3:38.65. Thomas also has become a force to be reckoned with in the backstroke events.

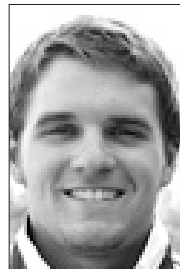
"He leads by example and is very motivating," Cody said. "In the medley relay, he's the lead-off in backstroke, so he's a big help in the 400-yard medley relay."

Eastern head swimming coach Ray Padovan said Thomas plays a primary role on the team.

"Thomas has been here for two years now and is our main backstroker, after the other backstroker graduated last year," Padovan said. "Cody is coming along but has yet to show the state qualifying times he had in high school."



Thomas Showers



Cody Showers

Cody has shown signs of improvement throughout the season. Against rival Western Illinois, he improved his 200-yard medley relay time to 1:41.92, and at the season opener, he finished second in 100-yard butterfly (54.50 seconds). Cody swam a 51.63-second mark when he qualified for the state meet in the 100-yard butterfly.

"He comes as a younger, faster swimmer that tends to push us harder," Thomas said. "He's doing well thus far; if he continues to do what he has done, it will push him to go faster for years to come."

Though Cody is the younger, faster swimmer of the two, there still is a level of competition between

them. "We swam high school together, and having your brother there helps because he won't let you down," Thomas said. "I have to go out and swim faster than he does because I'm the older brother."

Cody agreed. "Having a familiar face around, and knowing you have someone to talk to always helps," Cody said. "I was always on the same team as him growing up. He's an inspiration to me. My dream was swimming at a Division I school. I just had to follow him here. I liked the campus and the program."

In high school, the two brothers found swimming to be friendly competition.

"During high school, we didn't swim in the same event," Cody said. "We were competitive and would motivate each other. He said he would beat me in one event, and I would say I would get a better time than him. It was a sibling rivalry."