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## BRING THE PARENTS

Events planned for Family Weekend (Oct. 5 through 7) include a wine tasting, bingo games and an REO Speedwagon concert.

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## SECOND CHANCE

The volleyball ball team travels to Tennessee-Martin tonight. The Panthers lost against the Skyhawks at Lantz Arena earlier this season.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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# the DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Andrew Johnson, senior music education major, and Kyle Snyders, graduate student, battle it out in the Library Quad Sunday afternoon for the Disciples of Ameth, Eastern's chapter of Belegarth.

## THEY BATTLE FOR GLORY

### Disciples of Ameth blow off steam with foam weaponry

By Barbara Harrington  
Staff Reporter

Brant Rutishauser is known to his friends as a student and Web site designer.

But when he slips on his "tabard," a long, loose garment traditionally worn by knights, Rutishauser is known as "Ventus."

Rutishauser, a senior business management major taking a semester off, is one of the lead-

ers of the Disciples of Ameth, Eastern's chapter of Belegarth.

He said Belegarth is a "full-contact aggressive sport" in which students use foam-covered plastic weapons to fight one another.

"It is actually extremely physical," Rutishauser said. "And I'm not in the best of shape, but putting on 30 pounds of armor and running around for three hours is not the easiest thing to do."

"Ventus" is Rutishauser's fighter name and is Latin for "storm." All official members of Belegarth choose a fighter name when they are initiated into the group.

Students can be seen practicing on the Library Quad on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. They use shields and weapons

padded with foam to fight one another. The object is to "kill" the opponent.

To kill an opponent, a fighter has to hit the person in the torso once, or hit them one time on two different limbs. After a person is killed, he or she is out of the fight.

Rutishauser first became involved with Belegarth through one of his co-workers at Light Speed Networks.

On late nights at work, Rutishauser and his friend would become frustrated with projects. To help "blow off steam," they would take a break, go outside, and beat each other with foam-covered weapons, which belonged to Rutishauser's friend.

SEE BATTLE, PAGE 5

## Senate looking to nominate committee member

By Sara Cuadrado  
University Reporter

Faculty Senate will make a nomination to the committee in charge of finding a new athletic director at today's meeting, if the committee chair allows.

Lynne Curry, faculty senate chair, said Friday she was waiting to hear from Dan Nadler, search committee chair, to see if they will go ahead with the nominations.

The deadline for nominations passed at 5 p.m. Friday.

If given an extension by Nadler, the senate would then vote on who they want to nominate, Curry said.

The senate meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

Eight people from different organizations have been nominated for the search committee thus far, including: Brady Sallee, women's basketball coach; Jason Hall, assistant athletic director for compliance, and Gail Richard, NCAA faculty representative.

Also on the agenda, Curry said a Textbook Rental staff member, Patricia Sparks, sent her an e-mail to make sure she reminded members to fill out surveys about the textbook services.

Most of the business for the Faculty Senate meeting is in its online agenda, but more announcements from communications were added after the agenda was made, Curry said.

Curry said new business is the most important part of the meeting.

For today's meeting, this includes Sue Harvey's report from the Office of the Registrar. The senate will be talking with her about new policies affecting faculty teaching and the latest changes that were made.

### WANT TO GO?

- **What:** Faculty Senate meeting
- **Where:** Booth Library, Room 4440
- **When:** 2 p.m.

## New Greeks start school year with retreat

### New members practice teamwork at Lambda Alpha Delta camp

By Colleen Kitka  
Greek Life Reporter

On Saturday morning, 70 students from the Greek community left their campus homes to go

on a Lambda Alpha Delta retreat to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Ind.

The mission of the overnight retreat was to kick off the new school year for LAD by bringing new members and executives together.

LAD, formerly known as Jr. Greek Council, is an honorary organization that brings together new members from all sororities and fraternities. Many former members of the organization later go on to hold

important positions in their own chapters or councils.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life, said the purpose of LAD is to teach all the members about the broader community and how to utilize resources for the entire Eastern campus to broaden their Greek experience.

For Ben Levin, freshman marketing major, the retreat gave him insight about the Greek community

and taught him that all Greeks need to come together as a community.

"All of us have gone through the recruitment process," Levin said. "A lot of us try to make ourselves better than we really are. It showed us we can accomplish more if we come together as a whole."

Two members from each new pledge class were allowed to go on the retreat. They were also members of LAD.

As soon as students stepped off the bus and set down their bags, they were busy with team-building activities.

Six groups were formed. Members took part in games that involved mental and physical skills like untying a human knot, scaling a rock-climbing course, and other unusual games to encourage teamwork.

SEE RETREAT, PAGE 2

# WEATHER OUTLOOK

**TODAY**  
84° | 63°  
Mostly sunny



**WEDNESDAY**  
81° | 58°  
Morning showers



**THURSDAY**  
83° | 64°  
Partly cloudy



## A BIT OF LIGHT READING



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Amy Zamora, senior elementary education major, flips through a children's book Monday afternoon during the Scholastic Book Fair in the Reading Center in Buzzard Hall. The book fair was organized by the EIU Student Reading Council. "John, Paul, George & Ben," written by Lane Smith, will be awarded during the book drawing Tuesday.

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# LAD members learn at camp

RETREAT, FROM PAGE 1

Levin found a game called "Cow and Bombs" insightful.

One person was blindfolded and went in search of a particular object while avoiding orange plastic cones, the "bombs." Teammates had to guide the person through the mess. The bombs were rituals of each sorority or fraternity. The pictures of the cows could be placed over the "bombs" to deactivate them.

The moral of the game, Levin said, was to not always stick to the rituals if a more beneficial alternative could be used.

For others, like Margaret Wilson, sophomore marketing major and pledging member of Alpha Gamma Delta, a different activity taught her

a valuable lesson.

"We went rock climbing with groups of three. Each member of the group was connected to each other by one long rope. One member couldn't go too far up without the rest of the members," Wilson said. "This taught us that in order for us to excel, the rest of our group must excel with us. You couldn't reach the top without your teammates."

The participants spent the night playing games and visiting with their new friends. After spending a night on bunk beds, the group members discussed on Sunday morning what they had learned from the games. They were asked to perform skits to show what they would take back with them to Eastern.

"We all have plans on what we can do to better improve Greek life at Eastern, and we have made promises to ourselves that we will try our hardest to go through with our ideas," Wilson said.

Levin joined LAD after a friend told him about it and introduced him to Bob Dudolski. Other LAD members also joined the same way.

Levin also wanted to join LAD to build his résumé. Levin said the organization taught him a different side of LAD and Greek life altogether.

"I knew it was different, but (the retreat) helped me to see that more," Levin said. "The retreat was the first thing that showed me how Lambda Alpha Delta would be."

## MULTIMEDIA

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### 'SIMPSONS' BLOG

The Daily Eastern News blogs on topics ranging from sports to world politics to music and more.

**Today's blog:** Nicole Weskerna on why "The Simpsons" is a microcosm of American society.



### 'PORTION' PODCAST

Online reporter Eugenia Jefferson sat down with Dr. James Painter, chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, to find out more about his documentary "Portion Size Me."



### ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

Each week, slideshows and videos produced for www.dennews.com remain on the Web site throughout the week they initially run. **What to look for today:** an Eastern football slideshow and a paintball video.



## SENIOR PORTRAITS

**Oct. 1-5**  
Paris Room,  
third floor of MLK Union

**Nov. 5-9**  
Shelbyville Room,  
third floor of MLK Union

**Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Tuesday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Thursday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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# Professor shares global experiences

## History instructor leads discussion on music styles and rhythms

By Erin Matheny  
Staff Reporter

History professor Jose Deustua was born to a middle-class family in Lima, Peru in 1954.

Since then, he said, his education and love of knowledge has helped him work and live all over the world.

In honor of Latin American History Month, Deustua will co-lead a discussion today with Allen Lanham, dean of library services. The discussion will focus on different rhythms and styles of music from Latin America, Africa, Europe and the United States. "Popular Music in Latin America" will begin at 4 p.m. in

Room 4440 of Booth Library.

Deustua, a historian, will give audience members the historical background of music such as salsa and merengue.

Deustua attributes his academic opportunities to being from a middle-class family.

Deustua said because the economic development in Peru is different from that of the United States, his birth into a middle-class family there allowed him to pursue not only a high school and college degree, but also a master's degree.

His education took him from his native country of Peru to France in 1983 where he received a scholarship to work with the French Ministry of Foreign Relations. He went back to live in Peru and then eventually came to the United States, where he now lives as a naturalized citizen.

### Musical style discussion

- **Who:** Joe Deustua
- **What:** Discussion of Latin rhythms and styles of music
- **When:** 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Room 4440 of Booth Library

"(Traveling and living in a different country) requires some adaptation. You learn about things you take for granted and don't realize as much because you are a part of one culture," Deustua said.

One cultural difference Deustua noticed between Peru and the United States is food. In the United States, fast food is more prevalent.

Traveling is something Deustua's children have caught on to as well. He said while their travels began when they accompanied him to

France, they are now traveling on their own.

Of his three children, one daughter lives in Peru, one daughter is obtaining a master's degree in England, and his son attends high school in Connecticut.

He said he enjoys the college setting, where he can pass on his body of knowledge to the students, share his feelings on history with them and interact with them on a personal level.

His advice to college students is to keep their eyes open and follow both their heart and their mind.

"Explore, get interested, be curious, look for whatever you like. Look for the field that will be part of your life in the future," Deustua said. "Be open to experiences you get in college. They are unique because you will not live it again."



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"I've still got a little kid in me," says Tom Noble as he drives the Panther Express bus Thursday night. Noble, who makes his rides unique by playing popular music and flashing the interior lights, has been driving the bus for the past four years.

# Driver makes late nights fun

## Panther Express passengers treated to music, lights during ride

By Ryan Gaynor  
Staff Reporter

Tom Noble knows having a way of transportation is important to Eastern students.

"They need to get to their class, around town and to Wal-Mart to get all their goodies," Noble said.

Noble has been driving the Panther Shuttle for the past three years.

Originally from Charleston, Noble said this is the first job he "truly loves." He usually works 3 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday.

"I've been in transportation most of my life," Noble said.

When the opportunity arose to drive the bus, he decided to do it.

The Charleston native retired a few years ago after managing three different transportation companies in Orange County, Calif.

After graduating from Eastern

with a degree in Parks and Recreation, he wanted to be a park ranger. He says at first he had trouble finding jobs, and eventually wound up in the transportation business by accident.

"I organized all the social service transportation in Orange County, and after that I had all kinds of offers," he said.

He got started at Eastern by helping out H & H Shuttle Services because they needed a few extra drivers.

"I got the job here driving the bus and I figured I'd drive the bus for a change, and I've loved it," he said.

During his time with Eastern, Noble has noticed a vast improvement in the shuttle service.

"We're pretty busy; we don't get much downtime anymore," Noble said.

"The first year there was (downtime), the second wasn't as much and this year, there are people riding all the time."

According to the Panther Express Web site, there are about 251 student riders per day.

"I would say 10 to 20 percent only use the bus," he said. "I think they need to advertise more, I really do."

Sophomore physical education major Vince Stubstad agreed.

"I've been here a few years and know about the bus now, but when I was a freshman, I had no idea about the bus," Stubstad said.

Noble said he tries to keep the riders in a good mood because he knows riding a bus isn't students' favorite thing to do.

"I like to entertain them a little bit," Noble said. "Early on we had some fights and I learned if I cranked the music up and hit the lights, all of a sudden, the students will go with the music and they are happy. So that is how that kind of started, just to break up the atmosphere."

Throughout the years, Noble has seen his share of interesting moments.

"I'm driving my route and I see this kid on the bus for a while now, so I turn around and say 'What's going on?'" he said.

The student was sleeping.

"He rode the bus one and a half times around, and when he got on he only needed to get off at the next stop, which was maybe three minutes," Noble said.

He also thinks it is important to form a relationship with the student body.

"I remembered when I was a student, and a lot of kids come here for the first time away from home, so I talk to them and I treat them all the same and give them attention," Noble said.

Junior communications major Brian Citta thinks having a sociable person like Noble driving the buses is a benefit.

"It helps with the comfort level because a lot of people aren't very familiar with the area at first, so anything helps," Citta said.

Noble expressed his interest in the kids and about his time driving.

"It's all about learning, life and school, so I truly enjoy it," he said. "And it's really all about the kids."

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Forum on graduate student teaching today

A forum on graduate students teaching at Eastern will be held today.

The forum will allow students to become informed and express their opinions on the topic.

The Eastern chapter of the Phi Sigma Biological Honors Society is hosting the forum.

The forum begins at 7 p.m. in Room 2120 in the Physical Science Building.

### Study abroad panel has two 2008 programs

A travelers panel will be offered for education-related study abroad experiences.

The panel will present information on two education study abroad programs offered this weekend.

Toronto and the Bahamas are two programs offered to students in 2008.

The panel is from 6 to 7 p.m. today in the Lumpkin Auditorium.

### Artist and professor lecturing at Tarble

Artist Michelle Grabner, professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, will lecture about her professional practice.

Grabner runs "The Suburban," an artist project space in Oak Park. She has also written for "Artforum" and is a corresponding editor for "Xtra" and "artUS."

The lecture is at 7 p.m. today at the Tarble Arts Center.

-Matt Hopf, Associate News Editor

## ON CAMPUS

### TODAY

#### CDS Advisement Night

Time | 5:45 p.m.

Location | Room 2502 Human Services Center

More info | 581-2712

## CORRECTIONS

On Pages 11 and 12 of Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, the Southeast Missouri quarterback was misidentified. His name is Steve Callanan.

On Page 5 of Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, the confirmation of the director of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.'s visit to Eastern's campus was incorrectly reported. Earl L. Powell III will be the Tarble Arts Center's 25th anniversary keynote speaker April 22.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIAL MISSES THE  
POINT ON SEXUAL ABUSE

When I first saw the staff editorial "Report every assault; it will help stop the cycle," I thought that I was about to read something that approached gendered violence with some degree of sensitivity.

I have no doubt that the staff was well intentioned; however, this article was vulgarly simplistic and rife with victim-blaming asides.

They begin by acknowledging rightly that violent assaults are under-reported. They go on to note myriad reasons why a victim may not report an assault.

They then offensively comment that such reasons are "foolish" because, after all, "It's not like the police won't help if someone tries to retaliate against the victim."

Clearly, it's not like the editorial staff has done research on this topic. Assuming that all officers took rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence seriously (they don't), there is little that can be done to stop a retaliatory perpetrator.

In fact, the most dangerous time for victims is when they try to leave an abuser, when they've reported the abuse, and they are trying to start anew. The article then muses, "Assaults can be prevented surprisingly easily" – just lock your doors and close your shades.

On a college campus, it's estimated that 80-90 percent of rape victims know their assailants – the easy way to stop assault is for men to stop feeling entitled, to stop assaulting, and to realize that only men can stop sexual abuse (and before you object, 95-99 percent of all assailants are men).

Locking our doors does little until we face this reality.

**Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer,**  
Coordinator of Women's Studies

*\*Editor's note: Thursday's editorial does not discuss gendered violence, rape, or domestic abuse.*

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## DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | ADAM TEDDER



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## No vote does not mean no voice

It's good to see a student on the city council, even if he is in a non-voting role.

Eric Wilber, a sophomore, represents the students in Charleston, a community that nearly doubles in population during the school year.

This advisement is severely limited because he is non-voting. Do not expect that Wilber will be able to enact great changes on his own.

Without a vote, he cannot materially influence any bill or resolution the City Council chooses to pass.

However, his presence on a board of five people can be dramatic, so long as he makes a concerted effort to make the students' voices heard.

He can be conciliatory, bringing a student view directly to the council, without needing to wait for an open time on the council's agenda.

Or he can become a gadfly if the council is not concerned with student wishes.

His very presence will serve as a constant

## EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of the DEN editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at:  
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reminder that students are a presence in this community and that students matter.

And in his role as a member of the student senate external relations committee, he forms a direct liaison between the two governmental bodies.

As a non-voting member there, he will rapidly become used to his inability to directly cause changes.

As long as he remains vocal, he can have a real effect.

But to sit back and be quiet is a way to make his position totally irrelevant.

So far, there is little to judge him on, since he began the position on Sept. 19.

Tonight's meeting will be a chance for him to show how effectively he will use his position.

## Who could possibly think this?

Apparently, 55 percent of the people in the United States believe that the Constitution founded a Christian nation, according to the First Amendment Center.

They couldn't be more wrong.

Not only does the Constitution never mention Christianity or God, it says very plainly that the Bible has no weight in the founding of the country in the constitution's Article VI.

It says, "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land."

It doesn't leave much room for the Bible or its practitioners to overrule or guide the laws that Congress lays down.

Religious leaders are given no abilities to dictate what Congress does.

There is no religious body encoded in the Constitution.

And it takes a bizarre reading of the First Amendment to claim that we live in a Christian nation.

If they wanted to found our nation for Christians, why did the founding fathers very specifically say that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion?"

A nation founded on one religion would be expected to be somehow bound to that religion.

A 1797 treaty with the government of Tripoli said, "the government of the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."

That is a congress composed of many signers of the Constitution, with George Washington as president.

To believe that the United States is somehow founded on Christianity betrays a very revisionist view of history.



KRISTIN MENAS

Making a  
difference  
isn't so hard

Did you know that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month? Do you even care?

Each October, we recognize this month as a way to educate the public about breast cancer and its risks.

In 2008, over 213,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

An estimated 41,000 women will die from the disease. My question to you is simple: What have you done to help?

Many Eastern students attended the Coles County annual Relay for Life on September 22-23, which already raised \$18,000, and more donations are still being collected.

With this money, up to 900 women can receive free mammograms.

I have participated in Relay for Life for five years, but until a few years ago I never had an emotional connection to cancer.

In June 2004, my mom was diagnosed with high grade breast cancer.

She underwent a double mastectomy in July 2004. It sounds so emotionless when said in medical terms. I wish those words always had the impact that they did when the doctor told my mother she would lose both of her breasts.

I remember everything from the day of my mom's surgery.

I remember how pale the faces of my family were as we looked at my mom before she entered the ER.

I can still hear the nervous voices of my family as we sat in the waiting room for never-ending hours.

There was a battle going on in my head telling me to be strong, but at the same time, I couldn't help but think of the worst possible outcome.

I saw my mom, a person who has always been strong and supportive, completely helpless and looking to others for comfort.

Her incisions, bandaged and covered, could be seen beneath her paper gown.

I thought to myself, "Okay. She made it through surgery. It's over." Things were not going to be that easy.

For months following the surgery my mom was in extreme pain.

She couldn't sleep in her bed, spent days confined to our living room chair, and needed my dad to lift a glass to her mouth so she could drink.

It is easy to look past something, such as breast cancer awareness, when you feel unaffected by the issue.

The word "cancer" has less and less of an effect on people every day.

I want you to imagine the type of effect the word would have if you were to hear it used at your next doctor's visit.

I don't wish this horrible experience upon anyone, but I want my story, and hundreds of other stories like mine, to motivate you.

I want you to donate when asked, volunteer where needed, or even recommend an information hotline to anyone in need of help.

*Kristin Menas is a sophomore journalism and women's studies major.*

The American Cancer Society in Champaign can be reached at 356-9076.

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**CITY**

## Council to discuss construction bids

**Road, water and bridge construction will be topics of tonight's meeting**

By Michael Peterson  
City Editor

Charleston's Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Bill Bosler will give a 20-minute presentation on the plant, which is located at 2600 McKinley Ave., at today's city council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

"He has put together a presentation about the Water Treatment Plant Project that he has shared with other water associations and presented to a national conference in California," said City Manager Scott Smith. "The council had an interest in seeing that, so we asked Bill to come and do his PowerPoint presentation for us."

The construction for the \$9 million plant was completed two years ago.

"He is going to talk about the construction plan and about the ozonation process in particular," Smith said. "It is a unique design, and is very effective in treating water."

Ozonation is a water treatment process that destroys bacteria and other microorganisms.

Three construction bid awards will be voted on during the meeting. The council will decide on a bid

by A.J. Walker Construction of Mattoon to replace the Jackson Avenue Bridge. The company is the lone bidder, with a bid of \$702,029.

The second bid is for the asphalt overlay surfacing project on Sixth and Seventh streets from Lincoln to Jackson avenues.

The low bid on the project is from Ne-Co Asphalt Co., which beats Howell Asphalt Co. with a bid of \$260,110. Smith said he anticipates work will begin on this project before Thanksgiving break.

The last bid will be for resurfacing of two parking lots around the Charleston City Hall by Ne-Co. Its bid is \$52,205 combined for both parking lots.

"We are trying to get as much as possible done before Homecoming," Smith said. "We want the town to look nice, so we are busy."

Coles County Animal Shelter's request for a raffle permit at Morton Park is also on the agenda.

However, the city council will have to postpone granting the permit because council member Larry Reynolds will not be at the meeting because of vacation. All five members are needed to grant a raffle permit.

City council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The council meets in Charleston City Hall, located at 520 Jackson Ave.

## 'We look like fools, but we're having a lot of fun'

BATTLE, FROM PAGE 1

Goofing around with the weapons got Rutishauser interested in Belegarth.

In April, Rutishauser met a couple involved with Belegarth on campus and started attending practices.

Belegarth has been played at Eastern off and on for 10 years. Currently, the group is in the process of becoming a Registered Student Organization.

Although becoming a RSO would not result in any major changes, Rutishauser said it would make Belegarth seem more legitimate. He also said being registered would allow Belegarth members to use campus facilities for practice during the winter season.

Rutishauser said most of the students who are involved with Belegarth saw the group practicing and decided to come up and ask questions.

Jae Michels, junior management information systems major, said she joined Belegarth a month ago after she saw students fighting on the quad and became interested.

"It was definitely an 'Oh, cool!' moment," Michels said. "(There were) all kinds of unique people, and I was drawn to that."

Michels is not an official member, but she said she plans to become one.

To become an official member, Michels said there are three requirements.

One, the student must have a tabard.

Two, the student must have pants.

Three, the student must have some type of weapon.

Although money is spent on fabric and weapons, Rutishauser said participating in Belegarth is inexpensive. The costs are around \$50 to purchase everything needed to become an official member.

One of the biggest events of the year for Belegarth, Oktoberfest, will begin Oct. 3.

Oktoberfest is a national Belegarth event. Rutishauser said 1,500 people are expected to attend this year. The event will take place in Forest Glen and continue through Oct. 5.

During Oktoberfest, groups camp out at night and fight each other during the day. Ceremonies are held to recognize accomplishments of Belegarth members.

Although some students walking by the Disciples of Ameth's practice may snicker and poke fun at those fighting, Michels said she is glad she joined Belegarth.

Being part of the group gives her a sense of community.

"We are making behinds of ourselves out there in garb," she said. "Sure, we look like fools, but we're having a lot of fun - and it's a good workout."



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FAMILY WEEKEND

# Sisters bring family together for weekend

Students, relatives share EIU tradition of campus activities

By Jane Ruppert  
Activities Reporter

Brittany Kraft and her sister, Heather, have a tradition.

Brittany, sophomore mathematics and secondary education major, and Heather, senior accounting major at Bradley University, began the tradition at last year's Family Weekend.

Last year during Family Weekend, the two sisters took a picture together in front of Old Main.

Brittany said she and her sister plan on taking another picture at this year's Family Weekend.

She said the two take a picture together at Bradley University when she visits Heather for BU's Siblings Weekend. Family Weekend at Eastern is a time for parents, siblings and friends to visit students and see what Eastern is all about.

Heather said she enjoyed visiting Eastern last year because she got a break from school and got to see the differences between the two universities.

The two sisters have been close throughout their lives, but Brittany thinks college life has allowed them to connect more with one another.

"We got closer once I finally came to college because then we could understand each other bet-

### FAMILY WEEKEND EVENTS

<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>University Tours</b> Library Quad, 2 to 3 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Color Photo Buttons</b> Bridge/Walkway Lounge, University Union, \$4 / picture, 4 to 6 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Student Recreation Center Family Workout</b> Student Rec Center, free admission, 4 to 10 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Friday Night Pasta Buffet</b> University Union, 6 to 8 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>UB Movie "Surf's Up"</b> Buzzard Auditorium, free admission, 5 p.m. &amp; 7 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>"Ventriloquist" Lynn Trefzger</b> Union Grand Ballroom, free admission, 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Bingo</b> University Ballroom, free admission, 9 to 11 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Observatory Open House</b> Observatory, free admission, 9:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parents Club Breakfast</b> Vending Lounge, University Union, free admission, 9 to 11 a.m.</li> <li>• <b>Sand Art Bottles</b> Bridge/Walkway Lounge, University Union, free admission, 9 a.m. to noon</li> <li>• <b>Face Painting</b> Bridge/Walkway Lounge, University Union, free admission, 9 a.m. to noon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Color Photo Buttons</b> Bridge/Walkway Lounge, University Union, \$4 / picture, 4 to 8 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Panther Picnic Lunch</b> O'Brien Field Tailgate Area, \$6.95 EIU student/adult/child, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Family Feast</b> Grand Ballroom, University Union, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>UB Movie "Surf's Up"</b> Buzzard Hall Auditorium, free admission, 5 and 8 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Student Recreation Center Parent/Student Games</b> Student Rec Center, free admission, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>REO Speedwagon</b> Lantz Arena, \$18, 8 p.m., doors open 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
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ter," Brittany said.  
Brittany's family came from Effingham last year to visit her and attend the weekend activities. Brittany, who lived in Andrews Hall last year, said that was the first time her family saw her dorm and the campus, besides on move-in day.  
"I walked them around campus and showed them where everything was," she said.  
Brittany and her family started out Family Weekend last year on Saturday morning. They went

to the football game and supported the team by wearing blue.  
For dinner Saturday night, the Kraft family ate at Jerry's Pizza.  
That night, Brittany and her family attended the Foreigner concert at Lantz Arena.  
Brittany said her parents knew Foreigner and spent time at the concert singing and dancing.  
"It was a good thing we weren't in the front row; I would have been very embarrassed," she said.  
Heather said she enjoyed visit-

ing her sister and participating in activities Eastern offered.  
"It was a really nice place to see," she said. "I had already moved back into school when (Brittany) had moved in, so it was the first time I had gotten to see the campus and where she was living."  
This year, Brittany's family plans on visiting again for Family Weekend.  
Brittany's parents and sister are excited for the REO Speedwagon concert, which will take place

Saturday night. They also plan on supporting Eastern at the football game Saturday afternoon and attending church at the Newman Catholic Center.  
Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, is responsible for the development and management of Family Weekend. Brinker said REO Speedwagon was chosen because the music relates to both students' and parents' generations.  
"Their music is still very appealing, still very strong, and goes across a wide range of audiences," she said.  
In the past, Family Weekend has had performers such as Bill Cosby, Jeff Foxworthy and Aretha Franklin to relate to both age groups.  
"We always try to get something that is a wide appeal in terms of entertainment for family weekend," Brinker said.  
Family Weekend started out as "Parents Weekend," but evolved when siblings and other family members also came. Activities have expanded to welcome everyone.  
This year, Family Weekend will include a performance by ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger.  
Other activities will include a bingo game Friday evening and the football game Saturday afternoon.  
Brinker said there will also be a tour of the observatory on campus, and a wine tasting event.  
"There's a wide range of activities to welcome the students and their parents," she said.



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# Side effects of budget cuts felt

## Blagojevich draws pained criticism for cutting \$460 million for state programs

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — A domestic violence shelter turned away a victim, health care is being delayed for military veterans and libraries are putting off repairs for leaky roofs. Kids have fewer tutoring opportunities and after-school programs, while gun violence and poverty continue to climb.

Such examples are among the fallout from \$460 million in state budget vetoes made by Gov. Rod Blagojevich in August, according to dozens of advocates for state-funded programs who came to the state Capitol Monday to urge the Illinois House to override the vetoes.

The governor said his cuts were aimed at spending he deemed wasteful or that the state couldn't

afford.

The House "committee of the whole" hearing followed a series of 19 hearings throughout the state in recent weeks that were intended to gather ammunition for the House's expected push Tuesday to override at least some of the vetoes.

It's another step in a yearlong battle between Blagojevich and House Speaker Michael Madigan over budget priorities.

Advocates complained for more than five hours that the cuts would hurt the elderly in nursing homes short of Medicaid funding, the developmentally disabled whose caretakers aren't getting a long-overdue pay raise and mental health and substance abuse patients whose programs are being scaled back.

They repeatedly chastised the governor for calling projects he vetoed legislative pork.

"It is a slur," said Dawn Marie Galtieri, executive director for Chicago art alliance Voice of the

City. "It is deeply, deeply insulting."

An advocacy group for low-income residents in Chicago blasted Blagojevich for cutting gun violence and after-school programs that largely help the poor and minorities in urban areas.

"This is a prima facie case of discrimination," said Denise Myrick of Seed of Abraham Christian Fellowship Ministry. "I'm sure that he is not concerned about ends meeting, but we are."

Officials at Mutual Ground, a domestic violence and sexual assault center in Aurora, said they had to turn away a mother allegedly beaten by her husband because the center couldn't afford to open another bed when Blagojevich vetoed \$25,000 from the budget.

"You are looking at the skeleton of a once healthy domestic violence and sexual assault program," said Linda Healy, the center's executive director.

And officials at small Spoon River College near Peoria are nervous about a possible security

emergency because \$25,000 aimed at telecommunications upgrades in the wake of several shootings on college campuses was cut - and the rural college has no police force nearby.

"We all hope and pray that these incidents will cease, but we are not optimistic," said Dr. Robert Ritschel, the college's president.

Before the advocates weighed in, Madigan's budget director laid out what a series of cuts means in health care, higher education, social services and other high-profile areas.

John Lowder noted 30 percent of Blagojevich's cuts came in health care, while the governor wants to use money cut from the budget to provide universal health care coverage in Illinois. Lowder said the governor's cuts disrupted the "balance and harmony" lawmakers struck in negotiating the budget after the longest legislative session in state history.

## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Memphis student killed on campus in targeted shooting

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Classes at the University of Memphis were canceled Monday after a football player was fatally shot on campus, in what school officials said was a targeted attack but city police later said could have been random.

By late Monday afternoon, police had not identified any suspects in the slaying of Taylor Bradford, who was shot about 9:45 p.m. Sunday, apparently near a university housing complex.

After the shooting, the 21-year-old junior crashed a car he was driving into a tree. Police said they had not determined whether he was shot before or after he started driving the vehicle.

University President Shirley Raines said authorities quickly determined Bradford's killers were not a threat to other students but still banned all outsiders from campus housing throughout the night.

### Texas oil businessman pleads guilty to paying Iraq for deals

NEW YORK — Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt Jr. pleaded guilty Monday to a federal conspiracy charge, abruptly ending his trial by admitting he approved a \$200,000 payment directly to an Iraqi bank account knowing it violated the rules of the U.N. oil-for-food program.

Under the plea agreement, Wyatt, 83, will be sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison and forfeit \$11 million.

"I didn't want to waste any more time at 83 years old fooling with this operation," Wyatt said immediately after the jury was discharged. "The quicker I get it over with, the better."

The surprise plea came on the 12th day of trial for Wyatt, whose lawyers had insisted he never paid an illegal surcharge to the Iraqi government to gain access to oil deals.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Sudan rebels overrun African Union peacekeeper base

HASKANITA, Sudan — Rebel forces stormed a small African Union base in northern Darfur and killed at least 10 peacekeepers, leaving behind charred armored vehicles and bombed out barracks in an unprecedented attack on the beleaguered mission that threatened upcoming peace talks.

More than 30 peacekeepers were still missing by late Sunday, indicating the death toll from the attack could rise significantly.

About 1,000 rebels from the Sudan Liberation Army attacked the base outside the town of Haskanita Saturday after sunset when Muslims break their daytime fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, AU officers told The Associated Press Sunday at the scene of the attack. The rebels eventually stormed the base early Sunday, they said.

The rebels used armored vehicles and rocket-propelled grenades, an indication that they are more heavily armed than previously believed, peacekeepers said.

### Israel releases 57 prisoners as a part of a goodwill gesture

WEST BANK, Israel — Greeted by throngs of jubilant well-wishers, 57 Palestinian prisoners got off buses Monday and kissed West Bank ground after Israel freed them in a goodwill gesture ahead of a U.S.-sponsored peace conference.

Security officials said Israel's military chief, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, had objected to freeing those detainees while militants in Gaza still held an Israeli soldier who was captured in a cross-border raid in June 2006.

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WEIRD FROM THE WIRE

# Wisconsin duck hunter shoots gator

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Wis. — Ed Long thought he was shooting at a snapping turtle, but got a surprise when he pulled his trophy from the Milwaukee River: a 4-foot-long alligator.

Long had been in the river Saturday hunting for ducks.

"At first, I thought it was a turtle tail," he said. "Then it turned and came back at me. I seen the eyes come out of the water, but my brain didn't click. This is Wisconsin. There's not supposed to be gators in Wisconsin."

When the reptile submerged again, Long fired and stunned it. He called to his cousin, who prodded the 25-pound animal with a stick and then ran when it moved.

"We both thought nobody is going to believe us," Long said. "We made a decision to bring it back dead or alive, and more likely dead."

The animal appeared to have died from a shot to the head. The cousins

dragged it to a field and then went to their uncle's home for help bringing it in.

Long, 31, of Greenfield, is calling taxidermy shops about preserving the alligator.

"I'd like to have it mounted," he said. "Or at least get a belt or wallet out of it."

## On anniversary, couple finds bottled vows

RACINE, Wis. — Melody Kloska and Matt Behrs take it as a sign they were meant to get married. After tying the knot on a Lake Michigan beach on Aug. 18, they released a bottle containing their wedding vows.

A few weeks later, the bottle was found by Fred and Lynnette Dubendorf, of Mears, Mich., who were also married on a beach — exactly 28 years before Kloska and Behrs.

"It was meant to be," Kloska said. "This was a sign to me."

Kloska, 46, and Behrs, 41, have

been together for five years, but with several failed marriages between them, they had doubts about remarriage.

They finally did it in a sunrise ceremony near the Wind Point Lighthouse in Wind Point in southern Wisconsin.

When it was time to throw the bottle sealed with their name, address and wedding vows into the lake, Behrs went to the rock farthest out in the water.

He threw it underhand, but the bottle landed back on the sand where Kloska was standing.

"After laughing so hard, I tossed it back to him to release it again into the lake," she said. "My thought was that with our luck, it would wind up in front of the house next-door to the lighthouse."

The letter read: "We thought you would want to know where your message in a bottle ended up! We picked it up on the beach between Pentwater and Silver Lake on Sept. 19. An ironic note, we were also

married on the beach! Here in Michigan by Pentwater. Even more ironic, it was on August 18, 1979. We wish you both the best of luck in your new lives together."

## Man breaks world record for stone-skipping

FRANKLIN, Pa. — A Pennsylvania man cast a stone that skipped on water a whopping 51 times, shattering the old world record of 40.

Russell "Rock Bottom" Byars' feat happened July 19, where the Allegheny River meets French Creek in Franklin, about 70 miles north of Pittsburgh.

He estimated his stone traveled about 250 feet.

Before declaring him a record-holder, Guinness World Records experts analyzed film of Byars' toss, checking the concentric circles in the water by each skip.

"I actually threw 40 stones that day, but that was the first skip that I threw," Byars told the Pittsburgh

Post-Gazette, which confirmed the record with Guinness officials.

The old record, set in 2002, was held by Kurt Steiner, 42, of Emporium.

## Bengals cannot kill birds pooping in fans' drinks

CINCINNATI — The owners of the stadium where the Cincinnati Bengals play have withdrawn a request seeking city approval to shoot pigeons that have been pooping on fans during games.

Eric Brown, managing director of Paul Brown Stadium, said in a letter to the city manager that officials are going to "continue to explore various alternatives to dealing with this patron issue."

City Manager Milton Dohoney granted permission to shoot the birds if other methods to discourage the pigeons didn't succeed.

Brown initially asked the city to allow stadium employees to use an air-powered rifle to kill pigeons.

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WOMEN'S RUGBY | NOTEBOOK

# Panthers go back to basics

**Graziano tries to get team focused again as they've lost two consecutive games**

**By Brandy Provaznik**  
Sports Reporter

While watching film from the Panthers' recent 44-14 loss to Indiana, head coach Frank Graziano said his team looked completely lost.

He said it is not ideal where he wants his team to be at midseason.

"Everybody looked like they forgot how to play," Graziano said. "We had to do a lot of shuffling because of injuries, but if you are playing in one position, (then) you slide over and play another, things are different – but they aren't that much different."

Graziano said if rugby is played how it is supposed to be played, it would almost be position-less, like in soccer, where any player can play any position based on what is going on at the time.

Junior center Molly Clutter said Graziano tries to teach them to play without set positions in practice so they can be ready to play with people out because of injuries.

"We stand scattered, and Graziano kicks the ball, and we have to play it," Clutter said.

"Nobody has a position; we all just do what we can with what's thrown at us."

Graziano said a big part of the Panthers' problem is that they need to be more creative and not just run a play-by-play on the field.

"Rugby is a very free-flowing sport, where it has to be creative on the field," Graziano said. "We can do drills great, but we are having trouble learning how to take the drill in a playing application."

Graziano said because a majority of the team are crossover athletes who did not grow up playing rugby, the quickest way to teach them how to play is mechanical.



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Senior prop Jaki Brophy works on a scrum sled with other members of the scrum's front line during practice Monday afternoon at Lakeside Rugby Field. The Panthers will play Ohio State at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Lakeside Rugby Field.

"It is a lot of, 'Here is what you do,' and just put them in a very robotic form, but that is not really how you play the game," Graziano said. "It is very free-flowing and non-stop; it is creative abilities, and just having fun with the whole thing. So now what I am trying to do is break them out of the robotic stuff."

Graziano said he is looking back to his old playbooks and bringing out a variety of plays to help the team look less methodical and to force them to think on their feet and make plays.

Coming off two losses in a row, Graziano decided to take the team back-to-basics to get them ready for Saturday's game against Ohio State.

To reset the team physically and mentally, Graziano gave the Panthers nearly an entire week off without any practice.

The Panthers are now practicing twice a day.

Graziano said they are reaching the maximum amount of practice time, with four total hours a day.

Clutter said no one is really complaining about the extra practice and, although getting up at 6 a.m. is not fun, everyone understands that it's necessary.

"We take our practices in little one-and-a-half to two-hour blocks, but it is sort of a back-to-training-camp mentality, with two-a-days and learning new things," Graziano said.

Junior wing Samantha Manto said while Graziano is trying to teach more to the team, the sessions are broken into smaller pieces to feel like less work.

"Each session is very specific, and you learn one thing and apply it," Manto said. "It is more general and focused, instead of all the new stuff at once."

Graziano said he is passing out written exams in the second session of practices every day, in order to see what players remember from the first session.

"They are going to get quizzed every training session for the next week or so," Graziano said. "Some will take 10 minutes, some will take five minutes, but they will get

quizzed so I can see, just like any other teacher, if they are grasping my concepts."

Graziano said they will probably make a few mistakes in the games at first – the free form allows for mistakes – but the new ideas will help them learn the art of the game beyond the basics.

"Every once in a while, coaches or teams get bogged down, like we are right now, and they have to come up with something new to try and fix things," Graziano said.

"The energy is pretty good right now, but I expect it to keep building, and all the past losses, and even the wins, will be forgotten. We are starting over and focusing on Ohio State."

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## MEN'S SWIMMING | SEASON PREVIEW

# Loaded with underclassmen

**Freshmen, sophomores make up more than 50 percent of 2007 squad; team looks to replace graduated Senese**

By Scott Tracy  
Staff Reporter

Eleven freshmen make up the men's swimming class of 2011.

They combine with seven sophomores to be the bulk of this year's team, which also has 13 upperclassmen.

"We had no idea that the freshman group was going to be this big, and the best overall freshmen we've had in a while," said senior Tim O'Hagan, who specializes in the butterfly.

Last year's freshman class only lost one recruit.

Senior Matt Latham, who specializes in the freestyle races, is excited about working with freshman Matt Scaliatino, who specializes in the individual medley and breaststroke, and Jayson Shine, who specializes in the freestyle and the butterfly races.

"Those two combined offer great competition and even better practice for other teammates to swim against," Latham said. "It is really easy to push someone to the next level when they have to compete against someone like that on a daily basis."

Junior Neil Wahlgren, who specializes in the freestyle and the butterfly races, also spoke about freshman Caleb Arthur, who specializes in the butterfly race.

"There are a couple freshmen who are going to replace sprint guys we lost since last season," Wahlgren said. "They should compete with or break last year's records."

Last year's team finished third place at the Mid-Continent Championship and with a 5-6 dual record.

The upperclassmen want nothing less than to be perfect this year after losing the team's top senior swimmer, Bill Senese, last season.

The Panthers graduated four seniors from last year and there are only four seniors left this year.

Senese broke or helped break records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, the 100-yard back-

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*Neil Wahlgren, junior swimmer on his impressions of the new class*

stroke and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

With IUPUI coming to Lantz Natatorium on Friday there are only a few more days of training left.

O'Hagan said the team's attitudes and work ethics have improved.

Latham was Senese's No. 2 man last year in the freestyle relay, and returned to take the top spot.

As of right now the men's relay spots for Friday's meet against the Jaguars consist of Latham, junior Joe Ethington, sophomore Matt Crittenden, and still an open spot to be filled sometime this week because of Senese's graduation.

"We're going to try switching around returning sophomores and juniors to have them swim new events like the (500-meter freestyle) and (the one-mile) to improve in distance events, but we'll need the depth from our new teammates in order to cover points and spreads," Latham said.

O'Hagan said he has been training even harder in hopes to shatter records this season.

The team is expected to return some other top swimmers.

One of those is junior Brent Noble who swam the individual medley and breaststroke last season.

Other swimmers returning are: junior Pat LeNeave in the butterfly and individual medley, senior Elliot McGill in the individual medley and backstroke and senior Nick Scarpetta in the freestyle.



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Senior diver Joe Laird spins in the air Monday evening in Lantz Natatorium. The Panthers will swim against IUPUI at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Indianapolis.

## MEN'S SOCCER | NOTEBOOK

## Injury bug hits men's soccer

By Dan Cusack  
Staff Reporter

Men's soccer had been lucky this season in the case of injuries.

The men went 10 games without any players missing a single game.

The streak will end Wednesday with sophomore defender Chris Pearson and senior defender Jeremy Maubach both expected to miss Wednesday's match against the Alabama-Birmingham.

Pearson hurt his right foot in the 2-0 win against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Friday.

The Newcastle, England native went down in the first half and did not return.

Maubach also hurt his foot during the match.

Eastern head coach Adam Howarth is not sure how the team will replace the two players.

"Right now we are trying a few things out," Howarth said. "We are working on center back by committee."

Following Pearson's injury in the IPFW game, freshman defender Ben Friesen and sophomore defender Nick Bonacker were vital subs in the team's shutout victory.

Friesen scored his first collegiate goal in Pearson's absence.

Junior defender Adam Gartner was impressed by their play.

"We subbed Bonacker and Friesen and they did a great job," Gartner said. "We will be able to continue to play well at a high level if we work hard in practice."

### Clinic to be held for young soccer players at Lakeside

The men's and women's soccer programs will get into the action during Family Weekend by holding a clinic before the two teams play a doubleheader Sunday at Lakeside Field.

The men's team will play Valparaiso at 3:30 p.m., and the women's team will play Austin Peay at 1 p.m.

The teams will hold a youth clinic for players from kindergarten through eighth grade from 11 a.m. to noon. Players will teach children soccer skills and techniques of the game.

"It will be a great way to get players out there helping out," Howarth said.

Between the men's and women's contest from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. a reception will be held at Lakeside Field where people can come and meet Eastern coaches, staff and Panther club members.

The event will be sponsored by the Panther Club Special Events Committee.

### Missouri Valley Conference play to start next week

The Panthers have nearly completed their non-conference schedule and will begin play against Missouri Valley Conference opponents next Wednesday.

The team will open against Drake at 4 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Lakeside Field.

"I think we are ready," Howarth said. "We have two tough games this week that will give us good prep to see where we are."

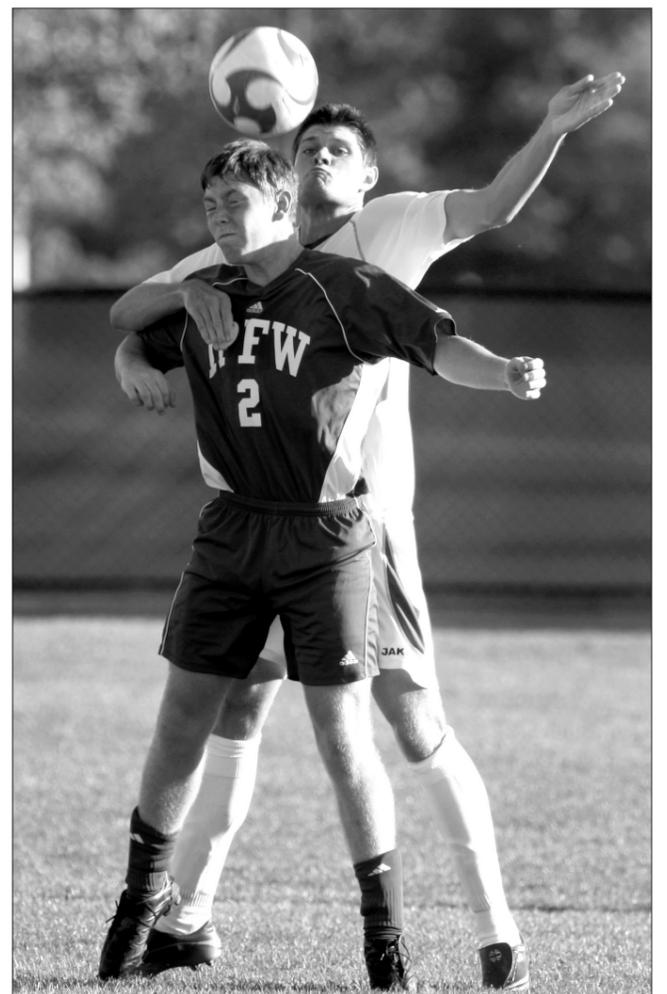
The Panthers finished (1-3-2) in MVC play last season and look to improve on their sixth place finish.

Eastern (7-2-1) is in first place in the MVC standings with a record this year after a great start in non-conference play.

The Panthers are followed by Creighton at (4-1-2) and Drake at (6-3-1), according to the team's win percentages.

Eastern's eight goals allowed are the second lowest in the conference behind Creighton's seven.

Four of the seven teams in the Missouri Valley Conference — Drake, Bradley, Creighton and Eastern Illinois — are all ranked in the National Soccer Association of America's rankings for the top teams in the Midwest region.



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Senior midfielder Brad Earl commits a foul against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne's Tyler Misura Friday afternoon at Lakeside Field.



## SOCCKER NOTEBOOK

The men's team prepares for the upcoming Missouri Valley Conference season.

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# SPORTS

## EASTERN ALUMNI IN THE NFL



Eastern Illinois graduate and Dallas Cowboys quarterback **Tony Romo** led his team to a 35-7 victory against the St. Louis Rams.

Romo finished 21-of-33, threw for 339 yards, and ran for 24 yards.

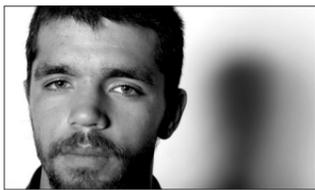
He finished with three passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown on Sunday.

In other Panther alum news, former Eastern player and coach and Denver Broncos head coach **Mike Shanahan's** team lost to Indianapolis Colts 38-20.

Former Eastern quarterback and New Orleans Saints head coach **Sean Payton's** team was idle.

Former Eastern graduate and Minnesota Vikings coach **Brad Childress'** team played the Green Bay Packers.

The Vikings lost 23-16.



KEVIN MURPHY

## The right decision?

There could have been a different outcome if there was a different U.S. goalkeeper last week.

What if U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo had been in the back of the net against Brazil?

Would she have stopped Marta and four Brazilian goals?

Why did U.S. Greg Ryan bench her against the runner-up team in the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup?

"I am confident in knowing that I would have made a major difference on the field," Solo said on her MySpace blog. "I have to believe that. I have to believe that I should have been on the field or why am I a professional trying to be the very best? I also have agreed to disagree with our head coach and I stand firm in my beliefs that it was the wrong decision."

Instead, Brianna Scurry was put in her place. Scurry gave up four goals, but had made the game stopper against China in penalty kicks in the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup in Los Angeles.

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## FOOTBALL | POSITION SPOTLIGHT



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Senior right tackle Anthony Rubican and sophomore center Chaz Millard block for senior running back Ademola Adeniji at Ross-Ade Stadium on Sept. 8 against Purdue. The offensive line has had to adjust to two quarterbacks this season.

# O-LINE ADJUSTS TO CHANGES

## Eastern's running backs prepare to take opportunities

By Brandy Provaznik  
Sports Reporter

The offensive line has seen a lot of changes this year.

The line only has two players returning from last season.

Seniors right tackle Anthony Rubican and offensive guard Drew Cairo-Gross are the veterans, and Cairo-Gross has switched positions this season from left guard to center.

The quarterback has switched from senior Cole Stinson to sophomore Bodie Reeder, which at first resulted in some quarterback-center exchange problems.

"That is the area I thought that the quarterback switch somewhat affected," said offensive line coach Jeff Hoover. "We did see some problems with that, obviously against Illinois State, but we are working on it and hopefully that is behind us."

Reeder fumbled a snap and Illinois State recovered to win the game.

Hoover said having a different quarterback doesn't change how the offensive line plays because they are going to have to read the defenses the same way no matter what.

"Really, we run the kind of system where it doesn't matter who is at the spots, we are just going to take what the other team gives us," Hoover said. "We would have a lot more adjusting if there was a switch having to be made within the line."

That might be the case this week

after one of the leaders, Rubican, came out of the game with an injury this weekend against Southeast Missouri State.

The team is unsure when Rubican will return, but during the game sophomore offensive guard Mike Scheibel was forced to step up and fill the void.

Hoover said he was impressed with the way Scheibel answered. Scheibel was named blocker of the week for his part in the game.

"I was definitely nervous, but it was just like practice," Scheibel said. "I get the same number of reps the starters do and coach Hoover makes sure we are all prepared to go in at any given time. (Rubican) left some big shoes to fill and I just did the best I could."

Another change in the offense that may have a small effect on the

offensive line is the fact that Eastern has four different running backs that can come in at any time.

"Blocking is blocking," Scheibel said. "When I am up there I don't know who's in the backfield or who is getting the ball. I am just watching the defense and trying to do my job."

Cairo-Gross said although there isn't much of a change there are some small natural adjustments in the way they protect for different runners.

Cairo-Gross said since senior running back Travorus Bess is a smaller guy, he benefits more from being able to hide behind the line and shoot through a little hole at the last second.

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## VOLLEYBALL | EASTERN AT TENNESSEE-MARTIN

# Panthers look for revenge against Skyhawks

## UT-Martin won in five games at Lantz Arena earlier this season

By Adam Tedder  
Sports Editor

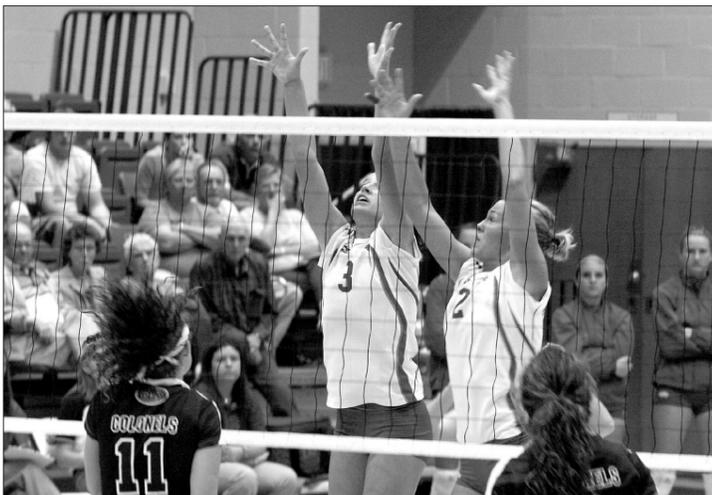
Eliza Zwettler said it with a straight-face, no-nonsense approach.

"Tuesday we should win in three," she said. "There is no reason we should not win in three."

The senior outside hitter from Madison, Wis., was sincere with her words as she stood outside Lantz Arena after Saturday's 3-1 loss to Morehead State with an ice pack taped to her right shoulder.

Zwettler was talking about today's rematch against Tennessee-Martin. The Panthers lost to UT-Martin on Sept. 21 at home in five games. Eastern plays the Skyhawks at 7 p.m. today in Martin, Tenn.

Zwettler said Eastern gave away



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Freshman outside hitter Kelsey Orr and sophomore middle blocker Amy Sesol prepare to block against Eastern Kentucky on Friday at Lantz Arena. The Panthers play at 7 tonight at Tennessee-Martin.

the match to the Skyhawks.

Eastern head coach Lori Bennett said the same thing about the last

meeting between the two teams after the loss to the Eagles.

Bennett, like the other Panthers,

is looking for a different outcome this time.

"Our squad is playing at a much higher level now and we look forward to facing them again," she said. "We will get better from here."

Bennett said she thinks they will play a better game and said they want to eliminate their mistakes.

Skyhawks head coach Amy Draper said correcting mistakes in the game will be the deciding factor.

"Both teams played recently and both will be looking to correct things they didn't execute in the first match," Draper said.

Draper said she expects the match to be close again and feels they can win again. She said their practice has been efficient, as they have tried hard to correct their errors and become better at executing plays.

But the Skyhawks coach said Eastern poses a threat.

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