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LOCAL | COURTS

Officer testifies on second day of trial

Recorded interview with Bonnsetter played for jurors

By **MATT HOPF & SCOTT RICHEY**
Associate News Editor & Sports Editor

The prosecution rested its case against Mark Bonnsetter Wednesday, while the defense began theirs.

Assistant State's Attorney Mick McAvoy called Charleston police officer Anthony West to the witness stand to discuss the early stages of the investigation into the incident.

West, who was a detective at the time, was the lead investigator in the Bonnsetter case. Bonnsetter is the associate athletic director for operations and the head athletic trainer at Eastern.

West was on call on Nov. 25, 2006, and said he received a phone call from his sergeant about the alleged incident. West said he then met with the alleged victim, her boyfriend at the time and her mother, and conducted separate interviews with the alleged victim and her boyfriend.

West said he then went to Bonnsetter's home to interview him, but he was not there. Bonnsetter met with West approximately 1:30 that afternoon at the police station. West said he advised Bonnsetter the interview would be recorded, and Bonnsetter agreed to those circumstances.

"He knew why he was there as far as the incident," West said. "Things brought up might have surprised him."

Bonnsetter was charged with

criminal trespass to a residence, a class 4 felony; residential burglary, a class 1 felony; and attempted criminal sexual abuse, a class A misdemeanor, stemming from an incident involving a former neighbor Nov. 25, 2006.

The recorded interview was played as part of McAvoy's direct questioning of West.

In the interview, Bonnsetter said he felt "stupid" entering the alleged victim's house, but said his intentions were to make sure everything was OK after waking up to see lights on in the house across the street and the front door open.

"I went across the street out of concern," Bonnsetter said in the interview. "I felt like I was doing the right thing."

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Bonnsetter's attorney asks for dismissal of charges

Motions filed stemming from alleged violations of court order by alleged victim, former boyfriend

By **SCOTT RICHEY**
Sports Editor

Raiphel Pellegrino, attorney for Eastern associate athletic director Mark Bonnsetter, filed three motions midway through the continuation of Bonnsetter's trial Tuesday morning at the Coles County Courthouse.

Pellegrino's motions to associate judge Teresa Righter involved a violation of a sequestration court order by the alleged victim in

the case and her boyfriend at the time, a motion for a mistrial and a motion to dismiss all charges against Bonnsetter.

Bonnsetter was charged with criminal trespass to a residence, a class 4 felony; residential burglary, a class 1 felony; and attempted criminal sexual abuse, a class A misdemeanor on Nov. 28, 2006, following an incident with a former neighbor three days earlier.

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CITY | DEBATE

Candidate forum to highlight platforms

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
City Editor

Candidates for the Coles County state's attorney, coroner and County Board Districts 9 and 10 will be given 45 to 50 minutes to discuss their platforms and answer audience-posed questions today.

The debate will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Moriarty Hall at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston.

Steve Ferguson, Democrat and the incumbent state's attorney, will face off against Republican Paul Komanda and Green Party candidate Todd Reardon. The three candidates will discuss their position on state issues in responses to the audience.

The focus of past debates has centered on each candidate's willingness to give voices to the people, as well as their experience with litigation and investigation. A prioritization of major cases that represent the public's moral values was a popular topic to discuss in past debates, too.

For coroner, Democrat Mike Nichols, Republican Ed Schniers and Green Party candidate Michael Snow will also try to appeal to the audience.

Nichols, the current coroner, and Schniers discussed their abilities to meld the office of coroner into something that serves the public more evenly than the past at the Oct. 14 Candidate Forum. Snow did not attend.

There will be three sessions, one for each office hosted by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, Mattoon Chamber of Commerce and the Coles County League of Women.

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CAMPUS | CAA



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members from many different facets of Eastern gathered in groups during an open forum about cultural diversity requirements to discuss what diversity means at the university Wednesday afternoon in the Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students, faculty explore cultural diversity

Council on Academic Affairs forum asks attendees to group up, examine definitions

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Activities Editor

Faculty and students came together to discuss the issue of cultural diversity on campus, and increasing the culture requirement to three to six credits Wednesday.

Mikki Meadows, chair of the Council on Academic Affairs, said the purpose of the forum was to gather information about the possibility of adding another course

requirement for cultural diversity.

"We want feedback," she said. "Should we increase the course requirements and what type of ramifications there will be."

The CAA Ad Hoc committee on cultural diversity sponsored the forum in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Attendees were asked to get into several groups and review amongst them the definition of cultural diversity in order to examine whether it satisfied the needs of the university as a whole.

Two sets of definitions were handed out: CAA's definition and the definition in the 2008-2009 catalog.

CAA's definition states: "The key here is that these courses (cultural diversity) potentially influence students' behaviors, not just their attitudes toward or their knowledge of other cultures."

Most of the forum agreed the catalog's definition of cultural diversity was appropriate for the university because it did not state an influence on student's behavior and attitudes.

English professor Jeannie Ludlow said being responsible for changing students' behavior in the classroom is not part of a teacher's job.

"Our goal is to teach people information and knowledge, not to change their behaviors," she said.

Anthropology professor Don Holly said there are other ways to increase diversity exposure outside of the program besides adding another course to the requirements.

"This is another strategy that can be implemented," he said. "Our greatest strives are outside of the classroom."

Holly said the university could make sure students gain diversity exposure through campus events, and roommates who are not similar.

"The frontier of this mission is outside the classroom," he said. "There is our greatest opportunity for change."

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EIU WEATHER

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	<p>SATURDAY</p>  <p>52° 42°</p>

WEATHER BRIEF

Temperatures today will reach the lower 60s with mostly cloudy skies. On Friday, expect a chance of rain with temperatures dropping to the high 40s.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Shooter Jennings revives father's recordings

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Back when Shooter Jennings set out to make an album with his dad, country music star Waylon Jennings, he was 16 years old and a big fan of the industrial rock band Nine Inch Nails.

The result was a collection of songs with psychedelic guitar parts and odd vocal effects that never saw the light of day.

Jennings set the project aside and forged ahead with his own career.

Now, almost seven years after his father's death, he's retooled the recordings and released them on a new CD, "Waylon Forever," billed as the late country star's final recordings.

"It's more mature," Jennings said recently of the new arrangements he added with his band, the .357s. "At the time, being 16, I think I didn't know how to embrace subtly as much."

His father sings on the eight tracks and plays guitar on two of them,

"Jack of Diamonds" and "Lonesome On'ry and Mean."

The disc features remakes of Jennings classics such as "Waymore's Blues," a cover of Cream's "White Room" and a never-released Waylon Jennings composition called "I Found the Body."

Howard: 'Iron Man' swap was a surprise

LOS ANGELES — Terrence Howard says was surprised to learn that Don Cheadle would replace him in "Iron Man 2."

"It was the surprise of a lifetime," the actor and musician told National Public Radio on Tuesday. "There was no explanation, (the contract) just up and vanished."

Howard said he read news reports that money was the issue, saying the contracts he signs apparently "aren't worth the paper that they're printed on sometimes."

Cheadle assumes the role of James Rhodes, a character that becomes Iron Man's sidekick War Machine in

the comics, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Robert Downey Jr. will reprise his role as weapons mogul Tony Stark.

Braxton booted from 'Dancing with the Stars'

LOS ANGELES — Toni Braxton will no longer break it down on "Dancing with the Stars."

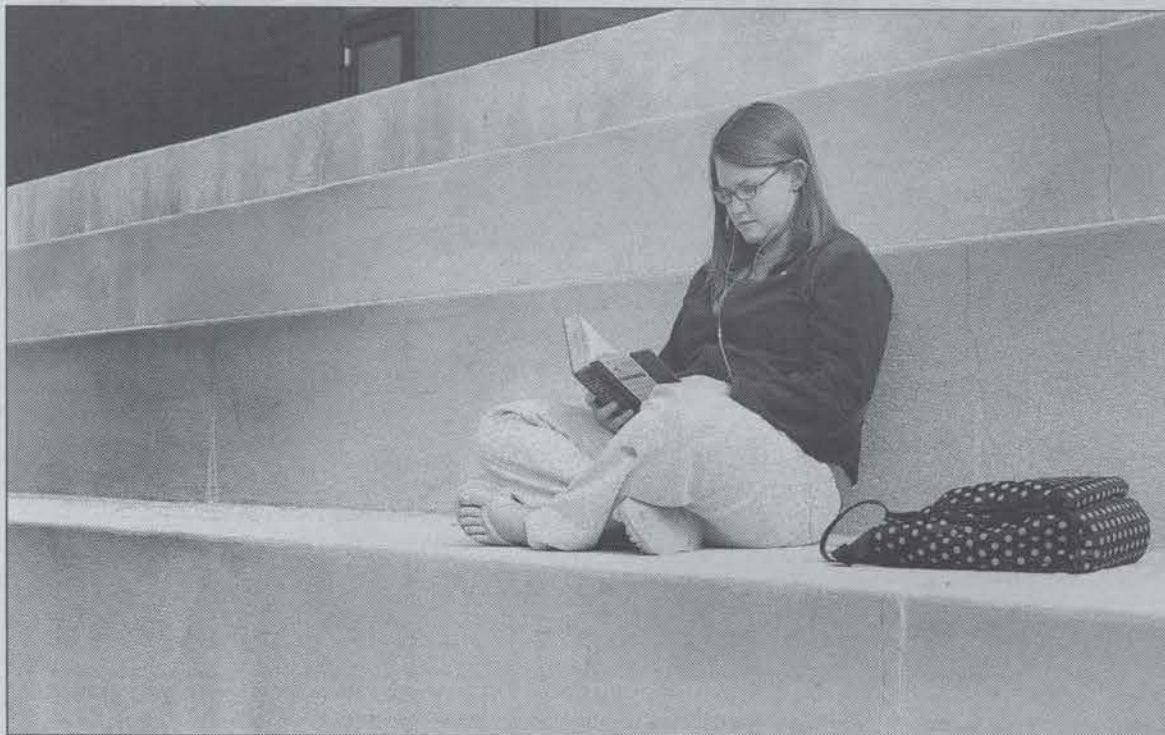
The singer and her professional partner, Alec Mazo, were eliminated Tuesday from ABC's popular dancing competition.

The pair received a score of 22 out of 30 from the show's judges during Monday's performance after a respectable West Coast swing routine. The "Unbreak My Heart" crooner was booted after that score was combined with viewer votes.

"My goal was reached," said Braxton, who has coronary microvascular angina, after she was dismissed. "I wanted to do better. I wanted to breathe better. And I was definitely breathing better. I've come a long way from Week One to Week Now."

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Steps of solitude



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Melissa Younker, a senior history major, reads on the steps of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Wednesday afternoon.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

NY woman's rap sheet shows 73 arrests since 1971

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 70-something woman who gave her address as 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. was arrested for the 73rd time, accused of stealing a police decoy wallet and stuffing it in her bra.

The woman, who prosecutors say has used 36 different names, was indicted Tuesday as Katherine Kelly.

A criminal complaint charged Kelly with grand larceny and attempted grand larceny after her arrest in a Manhattan supermarket Oct. 15. It said she took a wallet, left by police as bait, from a shopping cart. An officer recovered the wallet from Kelly's "bra area," it said.

Undercover police also saw her trying to steal from several shoppers by reaching inside their bags, the complaint said. A judge scheduled a Nov. 17 arraignment.

Kelly's lawyer, James Neilson, stressed that she not

been convicted in this case and wouldn't comment on her past arrests. Asked if he thought Kelly was mentally disturbed, Neilson replied, "that's something we're going to find out."

The district attorney's office said Kelly's criminal record dates from Dec. 21, 1971, when she was arrested as Charlotte Martinelli and charged with forgery.

Office spokeswoman Tracy Golden did not know how the case was resolved but said the various arrests, most of them in Brooklyn, have resulted in at least 16 convictions over the years.

Most of the charges were felonies that were pleaded down to misdemeanors.

Prosecutors are investigating the woman's true identity, Golden said. Although Kelly has given police 26 birth dates, her office is listing her as 76 because that conforms to the date she gave with her latest arrest.

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LOCAL | EVENT

Blues musician at 4th Street Records

Shirley Kings says she can 'shake a mean hip'

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

When the last name King is spoken within the circles of blues musicians, it is usually referring to the legendary blues guitarist B.B. King.

However, it is his daughter, Shirley King, that is starting to make a name for herself. Some are still unfamiliar with her.

"I'm really unfamiliar with any of her music," said music professor Keith Wright.

From 5 to 7 p.m. today, Shirley King will be visiting Positively 4th Street Records for a meet-and-greet. King will be signing copies of her new album and said she is looking forward to speaking to parents and students.

"I am walking in the shadow of a giant and I'm not trying to do what my father did. Me and my father's performances are certainly different," King said. "With my father's style, you get B.B. and Lucille (King's legendary guitar, named after a woman



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shirley King, daughter of B.B. King, will be at Positively 4th Street Records from 5 to 7 p.m. today for a meet-and-greet.

he never met), but with me you get Shirley and performance."

King is a blues and R&B vocalist that has performed her own original music since 1991.

"I can shake a real mean hip," King said.

Positively 4th Street Records manager Chris Davis organized the event.

"Shirley is very personable, so I am all for having her come," he said.

Davis said he hopes for good

attendance.

Audra Dust, a pre-med biology major, said bringing King to Charleston is a good idea.

"I really don't know much about Shirley King's music, but bringing her down to Charleston will definitely attract a lot of people," Dust said. "It works good for everyone involved because it will get people to come in and meet her, as well as bringing attention to the store."

CAMPUS | FUNDING

Perry's budgets funds for Eastern programs

New tuition increase allows for investments in 5-year plan for the university

By EMILY ZULZ
Administration Editor

President Bill Perry is investing \$800,000 in the areas he outlined in his letter to the campus community on Jan. 15.

Perry said he asked each of the vice presidents for estimates of what they each needed to achieve certain goals within the priorities.

"In each case it's a significant investment," he said.

His letter listed "enhanced support for excellence in faculty scholarship and teaching, in particular faculty-mentored undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activities, enhance service and leadership opportunities for students, enhance fine arts programming and outreach, enhance study abroad opportunities and enhance honors programs" as priorities.

He also asked for enhancement of marketing, fundraising and sustainability.

To invest in each of the areas, Perry said the university did not have to take money from other areas.

The \$800,000 comes from cost-savings and the increased tuition.

"When we increased our tuition and so forth we allocated extra money in each of the areas," he said.

Tuition increased 12 percent this year to meet a number of needs, such as salaries, Perry said.

"Of course, to invest tuition in faculty research and teaching is exactly the right thing to do," he said. "Because that's the heart and soul of the university is the faculty, research and teaching and how that comes together in instruction of students in academic environment."

Money was generated from cost-savings with situations like the renegotiation of a telecommunications contract, which saves the universi-

ty a couple hundred thousand dollars, Perry said. The priorities will be a multiple-year process.

"Next year, we'll invest more," he said. "And the relative amounts may shift depending upon what a person wants to do."

Sometimes, the plan may go over a three-year period or longer, or in some cases money is needed up front to get something started, like hiring a person, Perry said.

Academic affairs

Perry's five specific priorities have been a main concern in academic affairs for several years, Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

The enhancement of the honors program, study abroad, fine arts and undergraduate research all apply to the Office of Academic Affairs.

This year, Lord said, Perry has provided him with some additional budgetary support to provide supplementary resources to each of those priorities.

Lord said about \$200,000 to \$250,000 was invested across all the priorities in the academic affairs office.

"We had been working on those priorities for some time but it's hard to progress without getting a dime to work on them," he said.

Different amounts were earmarked for each priority. A recent allocation of \$40,000 went to the Study Abroad Office to offer more scholarships.

Lord said he is counting on continued funding to support that. He said there are similar plans in undergraduate research.

A symposium is planned for the first time this year for students to display their creative and scholarly research in early April.

Lord said another piece was allocated to help the academic affairs operating budget, which was not specifically one of Perry's priorities, but had not been increased since Lord has been provost.

Most of the allocation went to the priorities, and a small piece went to help the tight operating budget, Lord

said.

Student affairs

The priority that fits into the student affairs area is the enhancement of service and leadership opportunities for students.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said about \$90,000 has been initially invested into the priorities.

He said the bulk of that investment has gone toward the enhancement of service opportunities.

Nadler said the university has been able to move forward on the service area by developing a new office, The Office of Community Service with director Rachel Fisher.

He said Eastern is currently in phase one of the service initiative by looking for ways to better promote and coordinate volunteer opportunities for students. A Web site will eventually be built to list these opportunities.

"Our goal over the next five years is to have, on an annual basis, our students volunteering at least 100,000 hours collectively per year," Nadler said.

Student affairs is just starting to look at the leadership area, he said. A group will be put together to explore and assess what is happening with student leadership, Nadler added.

External relations

The marketing and fundraising initiatives outlined in Perry's letter fall under the external relations office.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said about \$400,000 was allocated to support marketing and fundraising.

"That's the most significant investment in those areas since I've been in this position and we're working hard to be good stewards of those dollars," she said.

That investment went toward both areas.

With marketing, a consultant, Stamats, was brought in to do a survey. The results of that will help put together an overarching plan for the coming year. Eastern's Web site was

King said she originally wanted to play at a school, so she could reach a larger audience.

"But we struggled to put things together," she said.

Then something interesting happened.

"I was at work at a club called The Joint in Chicago, and the first presidential debate was on," she said. "There was a couple of famous people in the club and everyone was standing together watching the debate, and afterwards all kinds of people were standing around discussing the debate."

She said it was interesting to watch how the campaign season brought people together.

"It got me thinking about going to places like record stores and music instrument shops so that I could sit down and actually talk about subjects that matter with all kinds of people," King said.

— Staff Reporter Stephanie Martin contributed to this report

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Death, service details unknown for professor

Details of the death of English professor Graham Lewis are still unknown.

Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols said an autopsy was performed Wednesday morning and details will be known once the toxicology results are in. Nichols said the toxicology results should be completed within two weeks.

Lewis, 46, died Tuesday morning in his Charleston home, according to English Chair Dana Ringuette. Service information for Lewis is still being determined.

AB to meet today

Apportionment Board will vote on a line item transfer for university board marketing for \$1,400 at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

AB intended to discuss the agenda item at last week's meeting, but did not meet a quorum. Tiffany Turner, student vice president for business affairs, said she sent out an e-mail but four members still missed the meeting.

About 50 tickets left for Staples concert

About 50 tickets are left for the Mavis Staples concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are available through the Doudna Box Office at 581-3110 or by e-mailing doudnatix@eiu.edu.

Staples is a gospel singer who was a part of the Staple Singers in the 1960s. Her performance is a part of the Doudna rededication ceremony. The Staples performance is free, but require tickets because of limited seating.

English department to host conference

The English department will host the 19th annual Literature Conference for Teachers and Lovers of Good Books starting at 7 p.m. today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The conference will focus on Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" and will feature lectures, workshops and dramatic readings. Special guests include Susanna Fein, editor of *The Chaucer Review*, and Frank Grady, former editor of *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*. The conference will continue Friday. For more information, call 581-5116.

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BLOTTER

Timothy Hansen, 20, of Glen Ellyn, was charged with resisting a police officer, possession/consumption of liquor by a minor and use of a fraudulent/false ID after a 9:05 p.m. Saturday arrest in Greek Court, police said.

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We trust our government to be open and to always do the right thing... as "We, the people" see the right thing. "We, the people" have been sadly disappointed.

The current Illinois Constitution is nearly silent on the issue of open government, and the state's Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts have been open jokes among those of us who care. The very basis of these laws is flawed.

Check it out on the Web site of the Illinois Press Association [www.il-press.com]. Click on "WORSTY Awards," the IPA's annual list of worst abuses of these state laws.

Yes, all our records are open - the government tells us - except the records that aren't. And "We, the government" are the deciders. Yes, all meetings of public bodies are open to the public, but there are exceptions - far too many exceptions, including all the meetings of the General Assembly. And "We, the government," again, are the deciders.

The presumption of public access must be with the people. "We, the people" should be the deciders. Public access should automatically come with every government document. Every agency should post theirs on the Internet. To do otherwise is a restraint on free speech, and with the technology available today, not to do so is a shame.

The only expedient way to do that is to make changes in our state constitution. On Nov. 4, we have an opportunity to do that by voting for a constitutional convention. We will not have one again for another 20 years.

Lloyd H Weston
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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Get ready for more research

To some students, class lectures and textbook readings are quite boring. When classroom learning reaches its limit or when students get too inquisitive, the world at large becomes a good venue for discovery.

A passion for one's career field could lead out of the classroom and into the undergraduate research program in which students can attempt to further investigate their future work industries.

Eastern President Bill Perry sent out a university-wide e-mail earlier in the semester in which he outlined five goals.

One of his goals was undergraduate research. The e-mail said he wants to "Enhance support for excellence in faculty scholarship and teaching, in particular faculty-mentored undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activities."

This is a good sign for students who may be interested in undergraduate research or whom will be introduced to the program in future semesters. By becoming one of Perry's five goals, the program is bound for expansion and exposure. A prime example is study abroad.

Enrollment in the study abroad program has increased over recent years, and \$40,000 worth of additional scholarships was acquired to encourage and support further student involvement. Plus, the word of a university president goes a long way at seminars and state functions.

Eastern's undergraduate research program can expect similar results and honors as did study abroad. Robert Chesnut, the faculty coordinator of faculty-led undergraduate research, was happy when he heard of Perry's announcement.

He said it raised awareness of the possibility to

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Eastern President Bill Perry named undergraduate research as one of his five institutional goals in a university-wide e-mail.
- **Stance:** Students should take advantage of yet another prime opportunity because the program will have a lot of growth in the future.

conduct undergraduate research.

The Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Program is open to all Eastern students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The program is designed to involve any interested student in the world of research while being supervised and mentored by faculty with extensive research experience.

Chesnut said the e-mail necessarily hasn't brought more students into the program, but it has raised the awareness.

"(The e-mail) raises the profile of undergraduate research," Chesnut said.

Students should take advantage of the undergraduate research opportunity that is available to them. Papers or projects within their discipline can only help those understand more about the field. It can also prepare students for graduate school, teaching or their careers.

Since we are college students trying to think critically, an in-depth look and analysis of future endeavors could even lead to historical discoveries. Students should take of advantage of the undergraduate research opportunities that are available at Eastern because the program has a bright future ahead and it never hurts to pursue your passion while pushing scholarly boundaries.

Mock debate a good idea

The EIU College Republicans and the EIU College Democrats both defended issues associated with the upcoming election in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.

Clearly, the EIU College Republicans had the better speakers, but for the most part, both sides defended their candidates and their issues. While there was room for argumentative error, hosting the event and running it smoothly was important in urging the student body to vote.

The debate was fairly well attended, including athletes, Greeks and Student Government.

The first part of the debate, about the predetermined topics, was well done, but when it came to the audience portion of the event - neither group was well prepared to answer questions.

And that's perfectly fine. Why? Because students were representing the candidates and cannot possibly be as knowledgeable as the candidates themselves. The students know a lot of the issues and the stances each candidate takes, but attendees should know these are not the experts.

The predisposed topics could have also been directed toward the students' interests more. Education funding should have been brought up toward the beginning of the debate rather than mortgage prices.

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** A mock presidential debate was hosted on Tuesday to educate student voters.
- **Stance:** While obvious points of argument occurred, the forum for students was a success.

Chris Kromphardt, president for the EIU College Democrats, did manage to tie in Mattoon's FutureGen into a topic about energy issues. Bringing close-to-home topics into the debate was a great move.

Tuesday night's debate did have an atmosphere of a real debate as there were the stares, grinning smiles and whispering among the groups during a response or rebuttal. Crowd reactions toward supported candidates, mudslinging or clever questions also contributed to the atmosphere and displayed audience involvement - both of which were good signs for the debate's sponsors - Student Government being one.

Michelle Murphy, a communication studies and political science major and member of the EIU Republicans, said the debate would help students make informed decisions when choosing a president.

"We want to educate young voters," she said. "When you vote, you want to be familiar with both sides."



MATT HOPF

Baseball, not presidential candidates

Oct. 29 - a Wednesday - is a day when I will avoid watching TV around 7 p.m.

I was planning on watching the pre-game to game six of the World Series, but the start of the game is being delayed.

This is when presidential candidate Barack Obama, D-IL, plans on airing his 30-minute infomercial to voters on Fox, CBS and NBC. A deal with ABC has not been reached yet.

The last time a presidential candidate bought a half-hour primetime TV slot was when I was 6 and Ross Perot was explaining his economic plan for America. I didn't care what Perot said in 1992, and I personally don't want to listen to a politician for 30 minutes on most days.

The debates were available for voters to hear what both the Republican and Democrat voters had to say. I saw parts of the debates and got my fill of the candidates on all the networks.

Now, it will be a half-hour of Obama, and it will be just him. There is no word if John McCain, R-Ariz, will purchase a half-hour slot, though networks have offered to sell a time-slot for him as well.

I imagine most Americans will do the same thing they do when they come across an infomercial on TV. They will find a channel not carrying it, or they will turn it off.

At least that's my plan.

For the infomercial to air on all the networks together, Major League Baseball had to agree to delay the start of game six of the World Series. However, the World Series hasn't made it to game six since 2003.

The game will only be pushed back about a few minutes, but the infomercial will serve as a pain to those fans whose team may be playing.

A game hasn't been delayed because of non-natural occurrences since the 1980s when NBC wanted to keep "The Cosby Show" in its regular time slot.

Somehow the World Series became a fight with candidates and not baseball anymore.

The World Series has become ground to not vote for a candidate.

Whatever happened to the issues?

On Tuesday, McCain questioned Obama's character since he has expressed support for both the Philadelphia Phillies and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Who cares?

Obama said in Philadelphia that as a White Sox fan he supported the Phillies, and then he said when a White Sox fan is "showing love" to the Rays and the Rays show it back "you know we are on something right together?"

Last time I checked, Obama was a White Sox fan. He made those comments as a politician.

Personally I don't care who wins the World Series. I just want to see a couple good games.

Baseball teams should not be an attack for McCain. Just stick to the issues, because baseball isn't one.

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» Trial

FROM PAGE 1

Bonnstetter vehemently denied sticking his hand beneath the pajama bottoms of the alleged victim while he was in the house when questioned about it by West.

"I didn't do anything inappropriate," Bonnstetter said in the interview.

West questioned Bonnstetter about if he thought if it ever crossed his mind to call 911, call the house to see if everything was OK or to announce his presence when he entered the house. Bonnstetter answered that it hadn't.

"I handled the situation wrong," Bonnstetter said in the interview. "It was like an instinct. I felt like I needed to look inside the house."

Bonnstetter's attorney Raipher Pellegrino asked during cross-examination if it was part of West's training to ask leading questions during interviewing.

West replied he avoids leading questions when interviewing anyone, but it does happen sometimes. He said he tries to get the initial story before introducing any evidence.

West also testified that he had training in both interviewing and sexual crime investigations.

Pellegrino questioned West about where he obtained information that Bonnstetter had his hands in the pockets of his jacket, suggesting he may have had a camera phone.

Pellegrino said a search warrant affidavit, which West signed, stated that.

West was asked where he received the information, which was not in any recorded statements. West said

it was in the police narrative.

West also testified during cross-examination he received a phone call from a physician and Bonnstetter's wife, Lori, that Bonnstetter has an issue with sleepwalking.

West also recalled during the questioning of Bonnstetter that Bonnstetter's wife woke him up if he did something in his sleep. Pellegrino asked West if and when he heard that comment, did he think Bonnstetter may have had a sleep disorder. West said no.

Bonnstetter's father-in-law Earl W. Bammer testified that he witnessed Bonnstetter sleepwalking three times.

He said Bonnstetter would walk around the house in the middle of the night not talking or responding to him, adding it appeared he was in a "trance."

"Why wouldn't he want to talk to me?" Bammer said.

The first time he witnessed the sleepwalking was at the Bammer home. He said he woke up to a noise in the kitchen and found Bonnstetter walking in the kitchen.

He asked Bonnstetter if he wanted a snack and there was no response. Bonnstetter walked around the house before eventually returning to bed.

Another time at the Bonnstetter residence in Charleston, Bammer said Bonnstetter took two pictures of the wall and placed them into a crib of the Bonnstetter's expected child.

Bammer testified the incident took place in early November 2006, prior to the Nov. 25 incident.

During cross-examination, McAvoy asked if Bonnstetter ever responded to Bammer's questions.

Bammer said Bonnstetter never

responded while sleepwalking, nor did Bonnstetter recall the incident when he woke up.

The boyfriend, who testified earlier, said when he turned the light on in the bedroom and saw Bonnstetter at the foot of the bed, Bonnstetter spoke to explain what he was doing in the house.

The defense also called Bonnstetter's mother-in-law Nancy Bammer who testified she saw him sleepwalking while staying at the Bonnstetter home.

She said the family was aware of the sleepwalking and that it would be brought up "off and on."

The defense also called Ken Baker, Eastern director of campus recreation, and former Eastern president Lou Hencken, who both volunteered to testify on behalf of Bonnstetter.

Baker said Bonnstetter was a hard worker and very hands on. He said while serving as interim athletic director, Bonnstetter was always working.

Hencken said he only knew good things about Bonnstetter and that he did a great job, citing his work ethic.

Heidi Hawkins was a neighbor of Bonnstetter from April 2005 to February 2007 where her mother lives.

She said Bonnstetter was given a set of keys to watch the house when they were gone. Bonnstetter watched other houses in the neighborhood, she added.

The trial resumes at 9 a.m. today at the Coles County Courthouse.

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» Charges

FROM PAGE 1

Righter said she was not inclined to grant the request for a mistrial or for the dismissal of all charges. While she was not certain about giving an instruction to the jury about the violation of the court order informing witnesses not to discuss their testimony with other witnesses, she permitted the motion.

She said she would instruct the jury that it is improper for witnesses to discuss testimony during the course of the trial.

Assistant State's Attorney Mick McAvoy objected to informing the jurors specifically that the sequestration order was violated because he maintained it was not violated.

"It's improper for the court to tell the jury, 'What these two did, this was wrong,'" McAvoy said.

Following the boyfriend's testimony Tuesday morning, in which he said he discussed certain parts of the alleged victim's testimony, both the boyfriend and the alleged victim returned to the witness stand to answer further questions regarding any discussion they had.

Both were reminded of their Fifth Amendment right to not testify against themselves and were warned that any false testimony while under oath could result in perjury charges being filed.

Both the alleged victim and the boyfriend were also cau-

"It's improper for the court to tell the jury, 'What these two did, this was wrong.'"

— Mick McAvoy, assistant state's attorney

tioned any testimony given that showed a violation of the court order could result in contempt of court charges being filed.

Neither the alleged victim nor the boyfriend testified they had discussed specific details of their testimony.

"I said I was repeatedly asked about one thing - the touching - and that (Pellegrino) kept asking," the alleged victim said.

The boyfriend said he had no specific memory about the aspects of the testimony the alleged victim talked about.

"She was more distraught than anything," he said.

The boyfriend said he did not receive instructions from either the state's attorney's office or the Charleston Police Department about whom he should talk to or whom he should not.

McAvoy said the boyfriend was told about the court order not to talk to other witnesses, but McAvoy said he was sure the boyfriend was told to have no contact whatsoever.

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DEFINITIONS OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Definition in 2008-2009 catalog: Eastern Illinois University seeks to foster cultural understanding to assist its students to become responsible citizens in a diverse world. The general education curriculum furthers this objective by requiring students to complete at least one course carrying the cultural diversity designation. Appropriate courses will focus on

one or more of the following in their content: the study of diverse peoples (including issues of race, ethnicity, and gender) at home and abroad; the history, traditions, and/or language of other countries or cultures; and the role of cultural sensitivity in making informed and ethical decisions. Cultural diversity courses are marked with an asterisk following the course title.

» Diversity

FROM PAGE 1

Yolanda Williams, Gateway adviser for Minority Affairs, knows classes are not being approached in a culturally diverse way.

"We can all walk away with a definition that we agree upon, but classes still will not be taught with the definition in mind," she said.

Williams said the other schools should be looked at to see what

they do to make sure culture is implemented into their classes.

Some faculty debated a line in the catalog's definition of cultural diversity that stated certain courses would focus on content such as race, ethnicity and gender.

Communication studies professor David Butts said there are plenty of diverse groups that can be added to the list of being diverse, but questioned how often the definition would be changed to add other groups.

Elementary education professor Lucia Schroeder said there needs

to be some type of integration between multi-cultural groups.

"We got away from the melting pot metaphorically to going to the salad bar," she said. "But now it's like the salad bar with bars in between."

Schroeder said there needs to be pluralism in bringing groups on campus together.

"We need to give power to everyone so everyone can feel good about themselves," she said.

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STUDENT SENATE | MEETING

Senate looks to pay tribute to professor's death

Service hours discussed, bylaw changes pulled

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Student Government Editor

Student Senate began their meeting Tuesday night by looking for a way to pay tribute to English professor Graham Lewis who died Tuesday.

A resolution passed the Student Senate unanimously to find a way to pay respects to the Eastern professor.

Michelle Martin, student liaison to the Faculty Senate, talked about the forum of elected officials, which will take place Oct. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

State Representative Chapin Rose, Coles County Sheriff Darrell Cox, Coles County Coroner Michael Nichols, former Charleston Mayor Roscoe Cougill, county board chair Jan Eads, State's Attorney Steve Ferguson, Coles County Clerk Sue Rennels and city council member Larry

Rennels will be at the meeting.

"It is to inform students on who is running other than in the presidential elections," said Murphy. "We did not get the chance to organize a debate and no one who is running against the speakers will be present, but it will get students to get to know members in the community."

However, all the speakers are not running for office.

Furthermore, Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said there were concerns about campaigning, but it would be made sure that nothing about the speakers' agendas would be brought up at the forum.

In other business, Wilber and Student Body President Levi Bulgar are looking into having the next Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee at Eastern, which would take place at the end of January or early February.

Bulgar said reservations for rooms, catering, nightlife activities and possible guest speakers would need to be addressed for visiting students.

Ryan Kerch, student vice president for student affairs, is looking into funds to bring back the Student

Savings Club program.

Patrick Moriarty, of Collegiate Services, presented to Student Senate last week about starting the program up again at Eastern. The program was introduced at Eastern in 1994, and it did well for a few years.

However, it eventually died out.

Also, a proposal to only propose bylaw changes only during the last four weeks of the semester was pulled from the agenda after debate over whether it was the best way to deal with the so many bylaws have been brought up lately.

Student Senate member Jeff Melanson said the reason he brought forth the bylaw change proposal is because there have been so many bylaws lately.

He went on to say there are usually 12-15 bylaws a semester instead of 12-15 over one week.

"This is a light bulb for a bigger problem," Bulgar said. "Please get a group together and get the bylaw thing figured out because I am sick of so many of these bylaws coming up every week."

A proposed bylaw change to require four office hours a week was



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Student Government President Levi Bulgar speaks to the senate about going over their constitution at Wednesday night's meeting.

changed to four service hours and Student Senate Speaker Isaac Sandidge said that he, along with the other signers, took the advice from last week to mold this proposal.

However, not all of the four hours have to be service hours.

Four hours could be served in the office. At least two of these hours must be office hours, though. It

would be up to a senator's discretion.

"The way the hours were written down outside of the office would be based on the honors system," Sandidge said.

This discussion was tabled for next week's meeting.

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NATION | EVENT

Media will be charged for seating at Obama's election party

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Media organizations will have to pay up if they want a prime spot to cover Democrat Barack Obama's Election Night party in a downtown lakefront park.

Obama's campaign, awash in money after raising a record-shattering \$150 million last month, is asking news organizations to pay anywhere from \$410 to \$1,870 depending on where they want to be and if they want telephone or Internet service in Grant Park.

While it is customary for news organiza-

tions to pay their way when covering a presidential campaign, including transportation, hotels and Internet services, some have questioned the Obama campaign's plan.

"It smells a lot like paying for access," said Al Tompkins, a former TV news director who teaches broadcast and online journalism at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla.

For \$1,870, a news organization can buy space on a main riser that will be covered, plus phone and Internet service, while \$410 will get them space on a separate riser for photographers without phone or Internet

access, but with electrical power.

A seat in a heated press filing center will cost \$935 and include power, cable TV, Internet and food.

There is one press credential reporters can get for free.

It will provide access to a standing-room-only outdoor press area with no services that "may have obstructed views."

Obama's campaign says it's charging the media only for the services it will be providing them, not for coverage, and that such fees are "standard procedure" in presidential


campaigns.


"There is no fee to cover our Election Night event. News organizations will be able to cover our event without charge, with full access to our campaign advisers," Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt said in a statement.

The event will be free and open to the public.


Republican John McCain's campaign did not immediately provide details Wednesday about media arrangements for its Election Night event in Phoenix.

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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Dow Jones tumbles more than 500

NEW YORK — Wall Street tumbled again Wednesday as investors worried that the global economy is poised to weaken even as parts of the credit market slowly show signs of recovery. The major indexes fell more than 4 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which finished off its lows with a loss of 514 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was the worst performer among the major indexes with a 6.1 percent slide that left it at its lowest level since April 2003. Corporate profit forecasts, a jump in the dollar and falling oil prices signaled investors are fearful that an economic slowdown will sweep the globe even if lending begins to approach more normal levels. The dollar hit multiyear highs against several other major currencies, weighing on commodity prices. That hurt raw materials and energy companies, while giving a boost to airlines.

McCain gains, drawing even with Obama

WASHINGTON — The presidential race tightened after the final debate, with John McCain gaining among whites and people earning less than \$50,000, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that shows McCain and Barack Obama essentially running even among likely voters in the election.

The poll, which found Obama at 44 percent and McCain at 43 percent, supports what some Republicans and Democrats privately have said in recent days: that the race narrowed after the third debate as GOP-leaning voters drifted home to their party and McCain's "Joe the plumber" analogy struck a chord.

Three weeks ago, an AP-GfK survey found that Obama had surged to a seven-point lead over McCain, lifted by voters who thought the Democrat was better suited to lead the nation through its sudden economic crisis. The split among voters is apparent less than two weeks before Election Day.

STATE | PROGRAM

Gov. Blagojevich disobeys taxpayers on health program

SPRINGFIELD — First, Gov. Rod Blagojevich gave out state-subsidized health care without permission.

Now, he won't tell taxpayers how many people are participating, how much tax money has been spent, or even which state account he's using to keep funds for the program.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services' rejection of The Associated Press' request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act amplifies the mystery surrounding Blagojevich's FamilyCare program and the administration's reputation for secrecy after promising open government.

It comes 3 1/2 weeks after a state appellate court ruling questioned whether the records even exist. The ruling upheld a lower-court order last spring that Blagojevich dismantle the program he didn't have authority to expand.

Barring a Blagojevich victory on appeal to the Supreme Court, the information will be crucial as HFS tries to unravel what it's created.

The AP requested, among other things, the number of those signed up, the total amount of income-based premiums paid by participants — who might lose coverage after the court rulings — and the total spent.

"It should be readily available there for our staffs and the general public. Most other states actually give out (numbers of) enrollees by county," said Rep. Frank Mautino, D-Spring Valley, chairman of the House Insurance Committee and co-chairman of the Legislative Audit Commission. "I can't understand a denial of what should be public information."

HFS rejected the request under exceptions in state freedom of information law for releasing information that could jeopardize an administrative enforcement hearing or data related to insurance "claims, loss or risk management information."

Releasing the number of participants by county, the denial letter said, would violate federal and state laws against disclosure of "individually identifiable health information."

HFS didn't explain what administrative enforcement hearing is under way or how the other exemptions apply.

HFS Director Barry Maram has not returned calls from the AP and his public information officer has failed to answer questions in e-mails and phone calls.

Lucio Guerrero, spokesman for the Democratic governor, did not return a call seeking comment.

Senate Insurance Committee Chairman William Haine, an Alton Democrat, said Blagojevich is hurting himself because the data might help him convince the Democratic-controlled General Assembly to do what he wanted in the first place.

Blagojevich sought universal health care last year but legislators said no. Then he focused on increasing eligibility for state-subsidized FamilyCare to an income level of \$83,000 for a family of four. A bipartisan legislative rules-making body said no — twice.

Secretary of State Jesse White also said no.

STATE | HEALTH

Economy has patients skipping medicine

CHICAGO — The ailing economy is leading many Americans to skip doctor visits, skimp on their medicine, and put off mammograms, Pap smears and other tests. And physicians worry the result will be sicker patients who need more expensive treatment later.

"I have to pretty much be very ill to go to the doctor," said Julie Shelley, a 49-year-old office manager and mother of three from West Milton, Ohio. "I'm probably at the age where I should have a checkup or physical. I'm not going to do it. I am last on the list."

In Lombard, Ill., Donald Hendricks lost his job over the summer at an event-planning company.

When two of his six children came down with a fever and sore throat several weeks ago, he could not afford the gas money to drive them to the doctor. He gave them soup and soda instead, and they got

better.

"I never felt the crunch like this before," Hendricks said.

In Indianapolis, Raechelle Miles lost her job at an auto parts plant in July, and lost nearly everything else in a tornado.

Now her dental fillings are falling out, and she is putting off a visit to the dentist, even though she realizes that may lead to more expensive treatment later on.

"The health care system was not in a good state really any time in the last five to 10 years. This has simply stressed it to a very severe degree," said Dr. Eric Schackow, a family physician in Chicago. "It does become very disheartening and discouraging because we find ourselves with our fingers in the dike."

The numbers show Americans are increasingly putting their health at risk:

— More and more are postpon-

ing needed care, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll released Tuesday. The portion who said they or a family member have put off needed care climbed to 36 percent in the Oct. 8-13 telephone poll, up from 29 percent in April. Almost one-third had skipped a recommended test or treatment, up from 24 percent. In both cases, about one-fifth said their condition got worse as a result.

— The number of prescriptions filled dropped 0.4 percent for the quarter ending in June — the first time it hasn't risen, according to IMS Health, which has been tracking such data for 12 years.

— A July survey by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners found that 11 percent of Americans had either reduced the number of prescription medicines they take or cut the dosage by such means as splitting pills in half.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Iraqi officials report finding mass graves

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials Wednesday reported finding mass graves with remains of 34 people, most believed to have been Iraqi army recruits waylaid three years ago by al-Qaida gunmen as they traveled to a training base near the Syrian border.

Farmers tipped off authorities last week about the graves, located in the Euphrates River valley near Syria about 200 miles northwest of Baghdad, according to a local mayor, Farhan Fitaghan.

Fitaghan told The Associated Press that two of the remains were women.

Most of the victims were believed to have been army recruits from the southern Shiite city of Karbala who were traveling by bus in September 2005 to a training camp in an abandoned phosphate plant in Qaim when they were stopped by gunmen and taken away, the mayor said.

Cash-strapped Pakistan seeks help from IMF

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan sought help from the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday to avoid defaulting on billions of dollars in loans and skirt a financial crisis brought on by high fuel prices, dwindling foreign investment and soaring militant violence.

Pakistani officials had previously said turning to the IMF would be a last resort.

Aid from the agency often comes with conditions such as cutting public spending that can affect programs for the poor, making it a politically tough choice for governments.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, managing director of the fund, said in a statement that an IMF mission will begin discussions with Pakistani authorities in the next few days "on a program aimed at strengthening economic stability and enhancing confidence in the financial system. The amount of (IMF) financing under a stand-by arrangement has yet to be determined."

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Smith

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"In hiring those two, they are filling Smith's shoes while restructuring the external model," Wallace said. "What we did was define the positions for each having a specific task from the other."

Smith's position is now divided into separate philanthropic parts.

Moersch is the overseer of the Panther Club and is involved in mid-level donations of \$5,000 or greater.

Smith will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Panther Club and of donations less than \$5,000. She will lead functions like golf outings.

Moersch comes to Eastern after a year and half as the executive assistant to the athletic director at Oregon State.

He worked as the director of marketing and sports information for his alma mater, Eastern Oregon, and coached baseball there for three years.

Smith received his master's degree in business administration in 2006 from Eastern Oregon.

Smith has previously worked as a camp director for Swim with the Stars, a program run by several Olympic swimming champions including Michael Phelps. She was an assistant swimming and diving coach at Trinity University in San Antonio from 2005-07 and worked as a marketing director for Gateway Magazine in New Zealand and Newell Rubbermaid.

Smith graduated from Eastern in 2002 with a bachelor's of science. She was a member of the Eastern women's swimming team. Bos' hiring was also to replace Pam Collins as assistant athletic director of development. Collins retired in the summer.

Smith's career

Smith played football at Wisconsin and graduated in 1974. Smith married his wife Debbie shortly after graduation. Coaching then became his profession, as he was assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at both Northeast Missouri and Western Illinois.

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo said he coached Smith at Wisconsin and was interested in hiring him when he took charge of Eastern's football program in 1987. Spoo then talked to Smith, who was coaching at Western Illinois. He eventually hired Smith that year for the same role at Eastern.

"He is a loyal friend and coach and a wonderful person," Spoo said.

Smith's doctor told him in 1997 his heart issues were caused from the stress of coaching. Former Eastern president Lou Henken, who at the time was serving as interim athletic director, asked Smith to help do a fund-raiser at the Panther Club. Smith's role as a fundraiser in the athletic department expanded from there.

"I enjoyed doing it," Smith said of

the fundraising. "When I was asked to do it full time, I talked to Spoo that not only could I help the football program here as an assistant athletic director, I could help the entire athletic department more than by being an assistant football coach."

Spoo said he agreed with Smith's decision to leave coaching.

"He's gregarious, knows a lot of people, makes friends easily and has ability to make support," Spoo said. "All these qualities benefited the athletic department."

Smith was appointed assistant athletic director for development in August 1997. He was promoted to associate athletic director in 2002. Since then, he administered record levels of fundraising.

Smith has also chaired the Athletic External Relation Group and sat on the Panther Club Executive Board. He has also supervised Eastern football and golf.

Baker, who served as Eastern's interim athletic director last year, said he knows firsthand about Smith's knowledge of Eastern's athletic department.

"I'm very grateful to John Smith for his help in the interim," Baker said. "I had a hard time (adjusting) last year. I will always be grateful because he was very gracious and helped me. I couldn't have done it without him."

One way Smith assisted Baker last year was in meeting and remembering all the different people associated in the athletic department. Smith also kept athletics running smoothly while Baker was getting settled in his new position.

"John was very familiar with people in athletics," Baker said. "I could've walked into embarrassing situations without John giving me background information."

Baker said Smith has three major attributes equipping him to do a good job in athletic administration. Smith was a great coach, took on his role as an administrator with enthusiasm and a strong emotional connection with the program, Baker said.

By being a former football player and a former coach, Smith said this made him more aware of the nuisances of the department.

"When you play the game, you gain a tremendous appreciation on the time commitment of studying and winning on the student-athlete," Smith said. "As a coach, you could understand the pressures of winning year in and out, and you realize the difficulty of winning."

On the topic of humorous stories about Smith, Spoo laughed and said there are not many printable stories involving his former head assistant.

"He was a practical joker in his way but nothing outrageous - a fun guy to be around," Spoo smirked.

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Rugby

FROM PAGE 12

"The score last year was a little misleading; they have always played us pretty tough," Graziano said. "They have some strengths that tend to be some of our weaknesses. We are going to try to address that in practice, they have a couple of players that we struggle with."

He said they have two or three players that if they get loose could cause Eastern some problems.

The Panthers will be forced to play

the game during the week because the Boilermakers will be having their homecoming game this weekend against Ohio State. This will be the first time this season the Panthers will be playing on a Thursday, so they will have one less day of practice.

Graziano said he would use these next couple of days to get back to doing the basic things that have to be done in order to win the game.

Panther players were not happy with the cancellation of the Illinois game because they not only lost out on their final home game, but

they also lost out on playing a talented team that gave the Panthers two good games last year. While the Panthers defeated the Illini 32-21 and 36-19 last season, they still felt they allowed too many points and wanted to redeem themselves from last year.

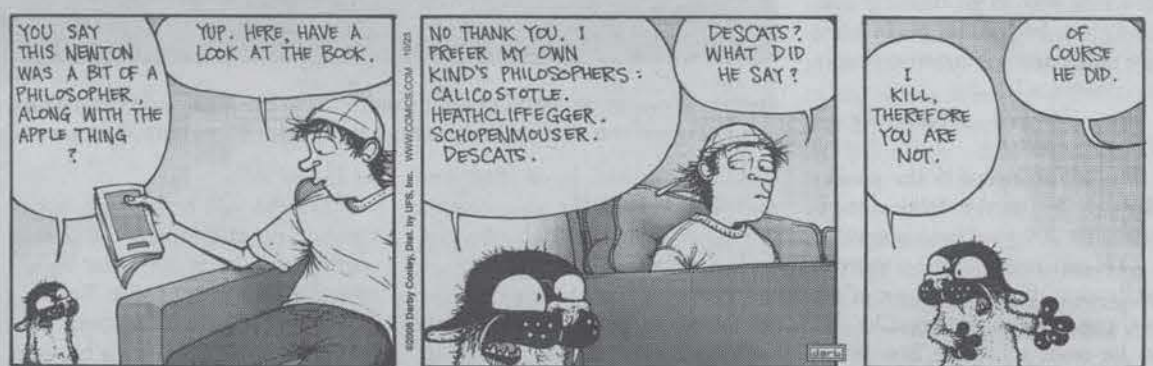
After the Panthers return from Purdue, they will have 13 days of rest before they travel to Clemson, S.C., where they will play Clemson on Nov. 5 and North Carolina on Nov. 8.

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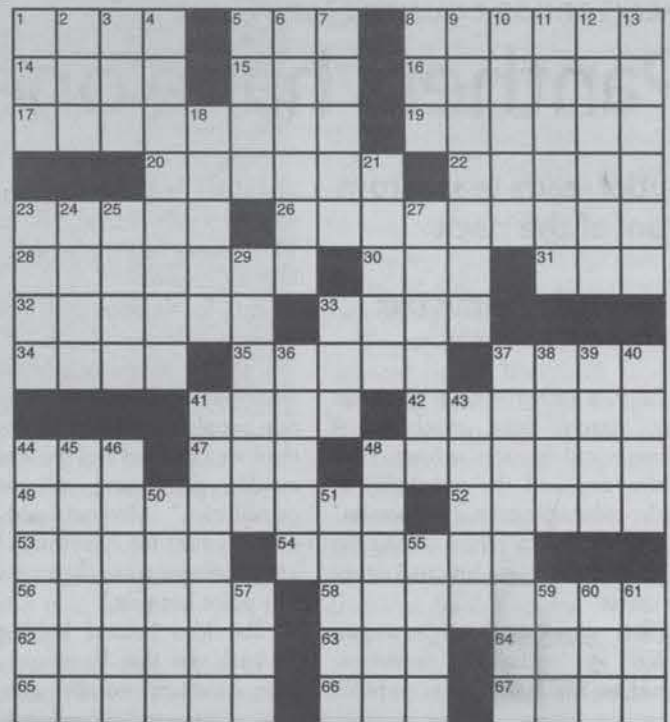


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 - 8 Shoeboy's offering
 - 14 Tony player on "NYPD Blue"
 - 15 Home of the Clearwater Mtns.
 - 16 Not necessarily rejecting
 - 17 Draws
 - 19 Edberg who won two Wimbledon
 - 20 1972 musical with the song "Summer Nights"
 - 22 Actress Graff
 - 23 Ancient Romans' attire
 - 26 Draws
 - 28 Graduate
 - 30 "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
 - 31 Retired barrier breaker, for short
 - 32 Law or medicine, e.g.
 - 33 Sole support
 - 34 Weight
 - 35 Awakens
 - 37 Sermonizer in France
 - 41 Tiant in the Red Sox Hall of Fame
 - 42 Angiogram sight
 - 44 Pollen holder
 - 47 Porter, e.g.
 - 48 Pest eradicator
 - 49 Draws
 - 52 Having steam come out the ears, say
 - 53 W.W. II blockade enforcer
 - 54 Old Athenian ally against Persia
 - 56 What fools do, per an adage
 - 58 Draws
 - 62 ___ Green, Scottish town famous for runaway weddings
 - 63 Head lines, in brief?
 - 64 What may ensure the show goes on?
 - 65 Annapolis graduate
 - 66 Gridiron stat.
 - 67 Hightailed it
- DOWN
- 1 By means of
 - 2 "What's the ___?"
 - 3 Middle X, say
 - 4 Draws
 - 5 Rather smelly
 - 6 Attaché attachments
 - 7 Hardly in
 - 8 Like some poles: Abbr.
 - 9 Kind of scanner
 - 10 Female companion in "Doctor Who"
 - 11 Draws
 - 12 Politicians take them
 - 13 Square
 - 18 Papas of "Zorba the Greek"
 - 21 One on it may be out of it
 - 23 Sonora snack
 - 24 "The Good Earth" mother
 - 25 Wise one
 - 27 Board with a couple of seats
 - 29 Villainess in "The Little Mermaid"
 - 33 1961 Elvis hit "___ Latest Flame"
 - 36 Supermodel Cheryl
 - 37 Draws
 - 38 Key letter
 - 39 Harte of fiction
 - 40 Brontë heroine
 - 41 Kind of impression
 - 43 John ___, Doris Day's co-star in "The Pajama Game"
 - 44 Poinsettia's family
 - 45 The Tigers of the Southeastern Conference
 - 46 Draws
 - 48 Took a twisty path
 - 50 Emmy winner Christine
 - 51 It's news in sports
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Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 12

However, Nowak's expectations never wavered. He never used his losing team as an excuse for the loss, and the results of his patience with the team is starting to pay off as two of them took home league awards for their performances over the weekend. Freshman defender Sam Balek won the league's defensive player of the week award and sophomore goalkeeper Kaylin Lorbert won goalkeeper of the week for the second time this season after back-to-back shutouts.

If the team ends up in the OVC tournament, it's not absurd to assume they could win a match or two, but it all comes down to this weekend.

First, the team has to take care of business against Southeast Missouri.

With seniors Pam Melinauskas, Ashley Stora and Lindsey Wilkening being honored before the game, emotion should be running high as the

Panthers will look to carry over the momentum from last weekend into this face off.

After that, it's up to the rest of the league. Either Tennessee Tech or Jacksonville State must lose both of their weekend matches for the Panthers to get in the playoffs. Tennessee Tech goes on the road for matches with UT Martin (3-2-1) and first place Murray State (5-1-0). Jacksonville State will play host to the top two teams in the conference over the weekend with matches against Murray State and Eastern Kentucky (4-3-0).

So the prospects of the Panthers' two main competitors losing appear likely, but the team must take care of business themselves.

Win on Sunday, and hope things fall into place. Either way, it's been an unlikely finish for the Panthers.

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MEN'S SWIMMING | SPOTLIGHT

O'Hagan makes big splash in first year

Freshman excelling in breaststroke

By **ARI HORING**
Staff Reporter

Matt O'Hagan, a freshman from Des Plaines, swims one of the best 100-yard breaststroke races a freshman swimmer has ever had at Eastern.

"I expect him to eventually challenge our schools records," Eastern head swimming coach Matt Bos said. "Right now, he's swimming as good as a breaststroke as we've ever had."

But even though O'Hagan might be swimming as good as a breaststroke as anybody in Eastern history, Bos said O'Hagan has the potential to take his breaststroke to an even higher level.

"He's a freshman, so he's just getting settled in right now," Bos said. "His first few meets have gone very well. In the scheme of things, Matt has a long way to go training wise. But I think he has the potential to have one of the top breaststrokes in our conference."

The 100-yard breaststroke is O'Hagan's specialty.

But he also swims in the medley relays, the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke.

O'Hagan swam all those races in the Panthers' first home meet of the season against Ball State on Oct. 11, but he swam a lifetime best in his first race with a time of 1 minute, 0.11 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke for a first place finish.



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Freshman swimmer Matt O'Hagan competes in the 100-yard breaststroke during Eastern's meet against Ball State at Ray Padovan Pool on Oct. 11. O'Hagan won the event with a lifetime best time of 1 minute, 0.11 seconds for his second straight win in the race in the Panthers' two meets this year.

O'Hagan said he is just now starting to get comfortable with the transition from high school swimming to college swimming.

"At first it was a big shock adapting to college swimming because the training is so radically different," O'Hagan said. "The first few weeks it was very painful. But as I continue to adjust to it, it's just getting eas-

ier and easier."

O'Hagan said he has high hopes for this year and expects the college transition to be much easier swimming for a coach as good as Bos.

"I'm feeling hopeful about this year," O'Hagan said. "It's a big step to go from three months of high school swimming to six months of college swimming. I've never swam

for a coach like Bos, and it's really exciting because he is such a good coach."

Although O'Hagan said he wants to have the best 100-yard breaststroke in Eastern history, he would rather focus on his goals for this year than focus on the future.

"Even though I would like to break the school record some day

in the 100-yard breaststroke, I'm the type of kid who sets yearly goals and goes from there," he said. "I don't look too much into the future. Right now, my goal is to take top six at the 100-yard breaststroke in conference."

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY | SPOTLIGHT

Panthers have one of deepest teams in conference

Butler leads team from front of the pack

By **BRANDY PROVAZNIK**
Staff Reporter

With a rather young team last year, Eastern head coach Geoff Masanet and his top runner, Brad Butler, discussed the possibility of Butler red-shirting the 2007 season.

He would then return during the 2008 season to finish his cross country career.

They decided that the team, which was primarily freshmen, would use the 2007 season to build

experience and would come back stronger this season. Butler and Masanet agreed that would be the best approach.

And for the most part it worked, Masanet said.

"There are injuries here and there that you didn't really anticipate, certain people are either better or worse than we expected and we aren't necessarily performing to our total capabilities," Masanet said. "You can't account for everything, but we are a stronger team than we were at this point last year."

The idea behind holding Butler back was that he would still be their consistent number one finish-

er, but the people finishing in second through eighth place would improve their times and the overall results of the race.

Masanet said Butler serves as sort of the carrot in front of the donkey, leading the other guys along.

"Having him back this year obviously helps out a ton," Masanet said. "He's just someone up front that scores very few points and helps set the tone for the rest of the guys."

Junior Aaron Iaun said he thinks right now the Panthers have more talent to work with than other schools in the conference.

"Sure, Eastern Kentucky is better than us up front," Iaun said. "They

have some guys we can't even compete with, but I think overall we are the deepest team in the conference."

That depth is what Masanet said he hopes will help the Panthers finish high in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

Those packs of guys, working together and finishing closer to the top is better than one guy going out and finishing in first place and the rest of his team is still way far behind, Masanet said.

Butler said the depth Eastern has is a big help in everyday workouts for the Panthers.

"Having that many talented, quality guys just helps us each day

in practice," Butler said. "We have bigger, stronger packs that are able to push each other to get better."

Because of all that depth and talent, Masanet said it has become somewhat uncertain who will be racing in the conference meet on Nov. 1.

"That's a sort of a good problem to have," Iaun said. "We have a lot of good, competitive guys that we can use interchangeably. We are just going to have to pick the ones that we think will help us the most when the time comes."

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WARD KEY FOR TEAM IN SHORT YARDAGE SITUATIONS



DESMIN WARD

Top Cat is a weekly feature that showcases one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the top player and moments from the sporting event.

Milwaukee native has five of Eastern's seven rushing touchdowns this season

By **SCOTT RICHEY**
Sports Editor

Eastern's jumbo package for short yardage situations lives up to its "jumbo" designation and serves its purposes of picking up tough yardage.

The Panthers have two of their biggest players leading the way with blocking in red-shirt senior fullback Chip Keys (6-foot-2, 259 pounds) and red-shirt freshman defensive tackle D'Angelo McCray (6-foot-4, 333 pounds) playing as a tight end.

Behind Keys and McCray is the player that gets the ball in the jumbo package: freshman running back Desmin Ward.

Ward, a 6-foot, 223 pound power back, has evolved into the Panthers' go-to player when Eastern is facing third and short or fourth and short.

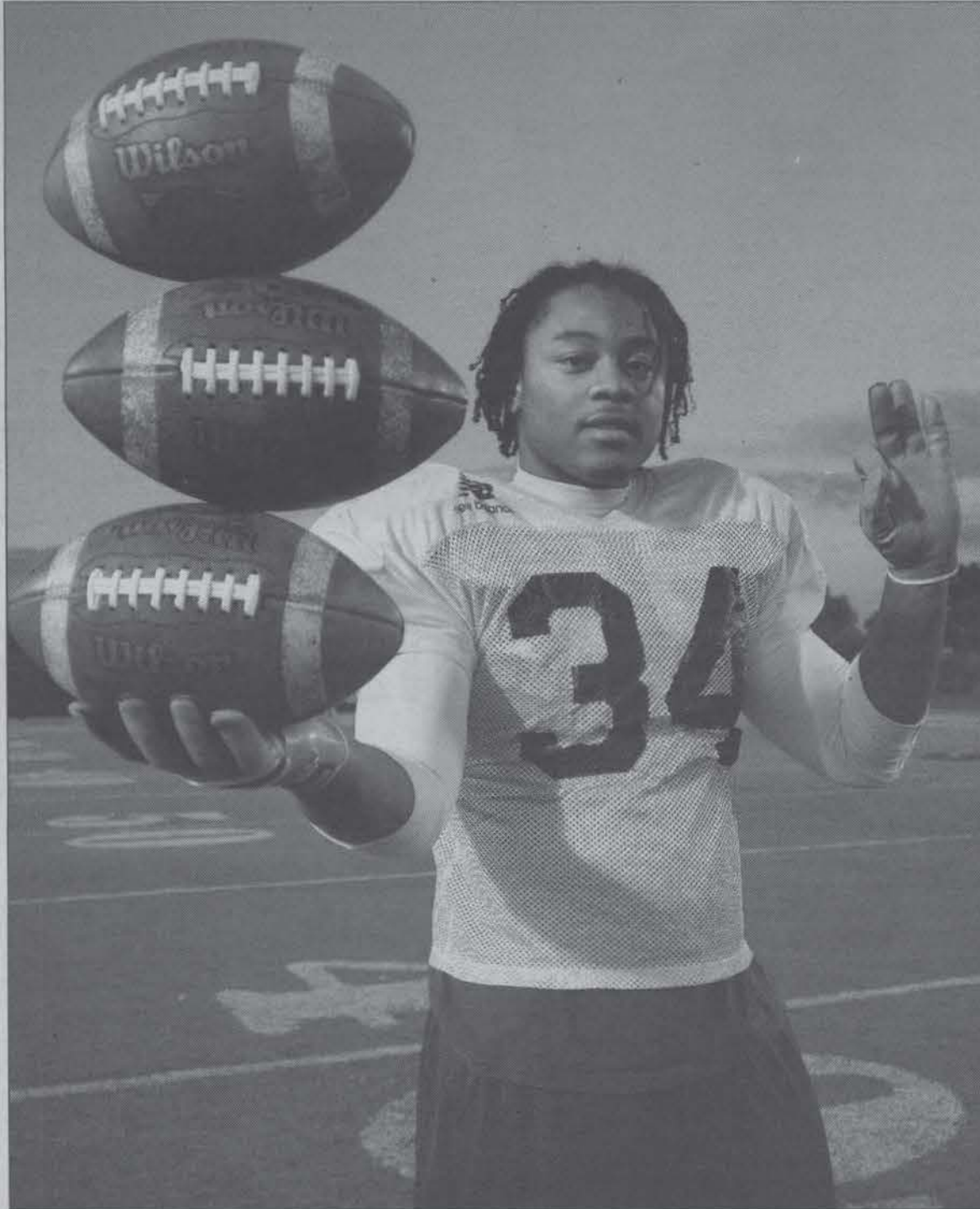
Ward was called on for six carries in the Panthers 24-21 win against Southeast Missouri on Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Three of his six carries garnered touchdowns, as he was the only Eastern player to find the end zone.

"We've got certain personnel for certain situations, and right now I'm the short yardage back," Ward said. "I'll do anything to help the team."

And Ward has grown into that role after starting the season as the Panthers' No. 2 running back because of injuries and a suspension that kept other Eastern running backs off the field.

"I think he knows that's his role," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said about using Ward in short-yardage situations. "He's a big-bodied guy. He's been a running back throughout his career, so he knows how to get the yards that we need. Some guys dance around and don't get it. He runs behind his pads, lowers his shoulder and gets the yards."

All of Ward's touchdowns against the Redhawks did not come easily. On his second score of the game



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Freshman running back Desmin Ward scored all three of Eastern's touchdowns in the Panthers' 24-21 win against Southeast Missouri on Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Ward scored his first career touchdown against Illinois on Sept. 6 and has become the go-to running back in short yardage situations.

— a four-yard burst just past the left tackle — Ward had to bull his way past several SEMO defenders including one right at the goal line.

"Everybody knows my main style of running is physical," Ward said.

"The middle was clogged up and the outside was there. It was either him or the end zone. I wanted that touchdown."

Eastern offensive line coach and run game coordinator Jeff Hoover

said Ward ran hard against the Redhawks and used his size to pick up tough yardage.

"I don't think they liked tackling Desmin Ward today," Hoover said about the Redhawks after the

game. "It was a battle of wills, and they lost."

Red-shirt senior running back Travorus Bess rushed for 124 yards against the Redhawks and set up Ward's scores. Bess said now that he and red-shirt sophomore running back Chevon Walker are splitting the majority of the carries that Ward isn't getting as many touches each game. But despite not having the ball often, Ward is making good use of his time in the game.

"When he gets in there in the goal line package he knows what to do," Bess said. "He hasn't been stopped in the short yardage situations."

But is Bess upset he's running most of the way down the field only to tag off to Ward to put the ball across the goal line?

"I don't get mad," Bess said. "As long as we score touchdowns and get the win. Everybody supports each other in the running backs."

Ward said while he would like to play more, he knows he has more experienced running backs ahead of him on the depth chart. He said he will play his role as long as the Panthers need a running back to pick up the tough short yardage.

"Whenever they put me in the game, I'll just run hard," Ward said. "If they need me to get the first down in a short yardage situation, I'll just go in to help the team out."

This is a different situation for Ward. At Hamilton High School in Milwaukee, he was the lead back. Ward rushed for 1,012 yards and 10 touchdowns during his senior season, and he did it in the style he thinks he still has — as a running back with power and speed.

"I've always considered myself a balanced back," Ward said. "I'm a pretty big back, but people underestimate my speed. I feel like I can run inside the tackles and outside the tackles."

But for now, Ward will be Eastern's power back. And with five of the Panthers' seven rushing touchdowns so far this season, Ward has been successful in that role.

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Matches with meaning

Less than two weeks ago, the idea that the Eastern women's soccer team would be entering their Ohio Valley Conference finale playing meaningful matches seemed ludicrous.

Following a 2-1 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 10, the Panthers were 0-12-1 and had only scored two goals during those 13 matches. However, after a 2-0-1 stretch that included three straight shutouts, combined with the overall weakness of the OVC this season, the Panthers remain in the thick of the playoff hunt.

Thus enter Sunday's OVC finale against Southeast Missouri. The Panthers sit in a tie for sixth place, the last spot in the OVC tournament.

If Eastern can get a win, as well as a little help, they will be playing in the OVC Tournament opening round match on Nov. 4.

Regardless of what happens this weekend, the fact the Panthers are playing meaningful matches this late in the season is a credit to their perseverance. Not often in sports does a team that is winless through 13 contests get a chance to make the playoffs, especially in an 18-match season.

Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said continuously throughout the season that he saw his team improving. As loss after loss piled up, he preached patience and never panicked. While it would be obvious to say Nowak hoped his team would've gotten off to a quicker start, he's not all surprised with how his team has been playing of late.

"We've known all year that this is what we're capable of," said Nowak after the team capped off an undefeated weekend with a 0-0 tie at Austin Peay on Sunday. "I think we might've needed some more points this weekend, but to go on the road and get a win and a tie, that's not a bad thing. We just hope it's enough right now."

Although the Panthers were picked to finish third in the OVC in the preseason coaches' poll, it would be completely understandable to expect a down year from the program. After all, the team has 12 underclassmen – including seven freshmen – and has only three seniors on the team.

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ATHLETICS | SPOTLIGHT



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Associate Athletic Director John Smith will retire in November after being at Eastern Illinois University for over 20 years.

Smith calls it a career

Moersch, Bos hired to replace retiring associate athletic director

By BOB BAJEK
Staff Reporter

One man remained a constant fixture in Eastern's athletic department during the changes made in the past three years.

Eastern has had three different athletic directors and the assistant athletic directors also changed. But one thing stayed the same. John Smith was always the associate athletic director.

Smith has done it all. He coached Eastern football as an assistant from 1987-97. Then he moved from the football field to the athletic department offense in 1997 and remained there ever since. During his time he brought in more than \$7 million to Eastern athletics.

Despite his love for athletics, Smith realized life moves on. Change becomes inevitable.

Smith will retire Nov. 1 with department newcomers Joel Moersch and Amanda Bos set to replace him.

Smith said one reason he wanted to retire was the time commitment required for him to be an effective administrator.

"Athletics is a very time consuming activity," Smith said. "You spend hours and hours on the job, whether you are an athletic director or an assistant coach. I spent long hours and weekends, so I finally decided to slow down."

Family also played a role in his decision. Smith has three daughters – two married and one about to graduate from college in May. He is also blessed with two young grandsons.

"I think being a football coach when my daughters grew up made me miss a lot of quality time with them," Smith said. "Now that I have grandbabies, I do hope by slowing down a bit I can spend quality time with them."

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Smith's replacements

Mary Wallace, assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator, said Athletic Director Barbara Burke came into her new position knowing Smith was planning to retire. Wallace said Burke chose her

to find Smith's replacement.

Wallace chose Ken Baker, director of campus recreation and former interim athletic director, Chelsea Frederick, assistant director of alumni services, Alison Mormino of the Eastern Foundation and Mary Drake of the Panther Club to assist in the search for Smith's replacement.

Wallace began to advertise for the position in late summer. Interviews started in September with a pool of about 35 applicants that the search committee narrowed to six.

Moersch was hired as assistant athletic director of philanthropy and Amanda Bos – wife of new swimming head coach Matt Bos – was hired as the philanthropic officer for the athletic department.

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WOMEN'S RUGBY | EASTERN AT PURDUE

Panthers play Purdue because of cancellation

Goal of 10-0 season still intact

By BOB SHAUGHNESSY
Staff Reporter

After a cancellation in the schedule against Illinois, the Eastern women's rugby team will face Purdue Thursday. The game will be played at 4 p.m. in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Panthers (7-0) were set to have their final home game this Saturday against Illinois, but because of scheduling problems they were forced to cancel the game.

After calling many schools in the area, Eastern head coach Frank Graziano was finally able to work out a game between the Panthers and the Boilermakers.

The game revives the Panthers' chances of finishing the season with a perfect 10-0 record.

Graziano said he is pleased he will get to face the Boilermakers this year, because they are a team he is familiar with. He said his teams have played against Purdue many times in his 10 years at Eastern.

Playing a school so close is a big advantage because it allows the players to sleep in their own beds the night before the game because they do not have to leave Charleston the night prior to the game.

Last year, when the two teams played at Lakeside Rugby field, the Panthers came out on top by a score of 73-0.

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Chase Cain, junior lock, runs toward the goal line as a Kansas University player attempts to stop her on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Lakeside field. The Panthers won 52-0 and remain undefeated with a record of 7-0.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S RUGBY
Today at Purdue |
4 p.m. – West Lafayette, Ind.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Today at ITA Regional |
5 p.m. – Lakeside Field

FOOTBALL
Saturday at Eastern Kentucky |
4 p.m. – Richmond, Ky.

MEN'S/WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Saturday at Evansville |
2 p.m. – Evansville, Ind.

MEN'S SOCCER
Saturday vs. Evansville |
2 p.m. – Lakeside Field