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"If you are going to kick every person out who has an eating disorder and passes out in class, then we better be kicking out the kids who have diabetes."

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, communication studies professor and member of Women's Studies

Group upset over counseling behavior

Women's Studies urges Eastern to improve Counseling Center process

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior University Reporter

Members of Women's Studies are speaking out.

They met with Eastern President Bill Perry and three vice presidents Oct. 31 to express their concern about how Eastern handled the situations of students Jill Manges and Nichole D'Antonio.

Prior to the meeting, Women's Studies sent a letter to Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, detailing what the program would like to see changed for the future. Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, also attended the Oct. 31 meeting.

Seventeen members and two additional faculty members signed the letter.

About 15 of those faculty members attended the meeting expressing three ideas.

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, communication studies professor and member of Women's Studies, said the group members wanted any person on the judicial board who is involved with a sexual assault case to have at least 40 hours of training from the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service.

Another concern the group members expressed at the meeting was for off-campus counselors to not be required to turn over their counseling notes of a student who is placed on a behavioral contract to the Counseling Center, Enck-Wanzer said.

Finally, they insisted the university needs a counselor who specializes in eating disorders to work in the Counseling Center, she added.

"They acted like they really wanted to move forward and make this better," Enck-Wanzer said of the administration's response to the meeting. "They said they would take our recommendations under advisement and keep talking to other groups on campus about this."

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B I N G O



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Emily Veach, junior psychology major, marks off a called number while playing "Binga," a fundraiser for the Robbie Page Memorial, hosted by the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority on Wednesday evening at the Paul McVey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Tri Sigmas host Bingo to Raise money for Robbie Page Memorial

By Colleen Kitka
Greek Life Reporter

The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority women and other members of the community played bingo to win Longaberger baskets Wednesday night.

Binga is like bingo but with a name change to abide by copyright laws.

The Tri Sigs hosted their third annual binga event at the VFW in Charleston to raise money for their chapter and the Robbie Page Memorial, the Tri Sig's national philanthropy.

The Robbie Page Memorial donates money to hospitals to purchase toys to be used in play therapy for hospitalized children.

About 100 people were in attendance. Most participants were women, but a few male students came to show their support.

Emma Proccoli, junior accounting major and fundraising chair for the Tri Sigs, said each women had to sell three tickets for their chapter, which currently numbers 88 sisters. Tickets cost \$10 to play 14 rounds of binga. She hoped to raise more than \$2,500.

The VFW hall was rented to the sisters free of charge along with donating the stompers to mark the binga cards. The VFW holds weekly bingo nights and had the lighted bingo board to fit the binga players' needs.

Money was also raised through a bake sale open throughout the night. Participants could also purchase an intermission binga card at an extra cost to win larger basket prizes. The Last Chance Binga game came at the end of the night and the prize was totaled at \$164.

The binga rounds kept players on their toes because they had to watch out for special plays. Every round had a different way to win.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brien Thomas, senior social science major, provides lead vocals for the band Hero Complex during Open Mic Night finals on Wednesday evening. Hero Complex was voted the winner by the audience.

'Hero Complex' takes first in competition

Open Mic night brings together performers from former nights

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Brien Thomas, senior social science major, is able to write a song after imagining only one initial line.

"I will hear a line of a song in my head and am able to build a song from that," Thomas said.

Thomas's band, Hero Complex, won first place in the Open Mic

Competition Finals that took place Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Open Mic Finals comprised open mic performers who placed during the regular open mic nights throughout the semester.

The Hero Complex members also include Sean Walker, senior art education major; Justin Yuroff, sophomore physical education major; and EJ Singson, sophomore history and English major.

SEE OPEN MIC, PAGE 2

EIU WEATHER

THURSDAY  36° 24° Mostly Sunny W 5-10 mph	FRIDAY  39° 26°	WEATHER BRIEF Expect mostly sunny skies today with highs in the mid 30s. Overnight lows in the mid 20s. There is a drop in temperatures for the rest of the week. There is a chance of showers for Saturday evening. For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather
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Nebraska, comic books influence band's songs

OPEN MIC, FROM PAGE 1

Hero Complex sang two original songs: "Prairie Fire," and "Kitty Pryde."

Thomas writes the lyrics to the songs for Hero Complex, and the other members write their own musical parts.

"Prairie Fire" was influenced by a time Thomas spent in Nebraska.

"Kitty Pryde" references comic book heroes," Thomas said.

Lunchbox Voodoo hosted the event and also performed its sketch-comedy routine between acts.

Matt Brunner, sophomore history major, was the first to sing. He sang one original song and also sang covers.

He said he could not come up with a name for his song because nothing seemed to fit.

"It was just a fun summer song that I wrote the summer before I came to Eastern," Brunner said.

Nicole Sangpeal, freshman secondary education major, sang four original songs.

"Sincerely, Nicole," one of her songs, was the end of a letter she wrote. She said songs she has written were parts of this letter.

"Dear Cody" is the beginning of this letter and was written this year, Sangpeal said.

She said a relationship was the inspiration behind these original songs.

Tom Bickham, sophomore communications major, sang two original songs: "Coincide" and "Let's Not Talk About It."

"Let's Not Talk About It" was written while Bickham was in high school. He wrote it with a friend:

Bickham wrote the chorus, and his friend wrote the verses.

The Open Mic Finals were the end of open mic competitions that took place throughout the semester.

Matt Caponera, sophomore communication studies major, is the mainstage coordinator for events such as Open Mic Night. He served as the emcee for the Open Mic Finals.

Brunner won third place and Bickham won second.

This was the last Open Mic event until Jan. 30, when the regular Open Mic season begins for the spring semester.



MORE OPEN MIC ONLINE

• Slideshow of the performers
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Binga makes good night out

BINGA, FROM PAGE 1

Some rounds were marked by the traditional play to win bingo, and others used an "X," "L" or "T" pattern or covered the whole card to make the play interesting.

The sorority spent \$1,200 to purchase the Longaberger baskets, which are handmade in the U.S. Local business also donated items, such as free tanning sessions.

Kristi Keck, the Longaberger consultant, picked out the basket prizes. She has been doing this for the past three years to help the Tri Sigs and for the incentive of playing bingo.

"Binga has been a big fundraiser lately," Keck said. "Everyone loves binga. Plus, it's also a way for the people in the community to connect with the sororities because a lot of people in the community come."

Tami Babbs, from West Field, came

with 11 of her other friends who have gone to several other binga events before. One was just this month in Casey. Babbs and her friends came because Babbs' daughter was in the sorority.

Kim Evans, Babbs' sister, said they sought to have a girls' night to get out of the house. Several thought they would give their prizes away as Christmas presents, especially some of the students.

One of the few men at the event, Erik Rusk, junior graphic design major, won a basket. He said he had no idea what he was going to do with it.

Proccoli, organizer of the binga event, hoped the fundraiser was a success but said she had big shoes to fill.

"Last year, we were awarded for donating (\$6,000), the most money out of all 109 chapters. So it is a really amazing cause," said Toni Radzik, senior corporate communications major

and president of the Tri Sigs.

"It was hard to plan an event I never had been to before because I had joined after the binga event last year," Proccoli said. "Kristi helped me out a lot, though; she was my life line."

Problems she ran into included the sudden death of Bob Beavers, a Charleston resident, restaurant owner and well-loved member in the community for his activity in fundraisers through his barbeques. He served barbeque pulled-pork sandwiches at last year's binga event and was to do the same Wednesday night. After Beavers's death last week, Proccoli had to make arrangements to supply other refreshments.

Margaret Davis from Westfield appreciated what the Tri Sigs have done.

"I think it's great young kids take such an interest in helping others when they are in college and have such busy schedules," Davis said.

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OFF THE WALL

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

Today's blog: Kristy Mellendorf on a woman dying from a hairball made from her own hair.



SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS

Online reporter Eugenia Jefferson sat down with Roy Lanham to find out more about the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, better known as the School of the Americas.



GREEKS AND COPS

Greek fraternity men squared off against Charleston police officers Wednesday night in a charity basketball game at Lantz Arena. One of the charities helped was the Charleston Shop with a Cop program.

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Scott Clements, a senior jazz studies major, uses a plunger mute while soloing as part of the Jazz Ensemble's performance during "Life in the Groove: The influence of Jazz" performance of the Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony in McAfee Gymnasium

Jazz concert brings new faces

Champaign Central High School invited to perform in concert

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

John Currey's high school jazz ensemble will do something it has not done before.

Currey, jazz ensemble director at Champaign Central High School, will bring students to Eastern on Thursday to perform in Eastern's jazz ensemble concert.

Currey met with Sam Fagaly, Eastern's jazz ensemble director at the Midwest Band Orchestra, and discussed the concept.

"I was at the Midwest Band Orchestra clinic and talked to Sam Fagaly about possibly having him work with my band," Currey said. "Any time the band can get onto a college campus with college musicians, it's a valuable experience."

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John Currey, ensemble director at Champaign Central High School on performing with Eastern's jazz ensemble band

Fagaly agreed to have Currey's high school jazz ensemble perform in Eastern's jazz ensemble concert.

This is not the first time Currey's jazz ensemble has worked with other groups.

"I like to get a number of people to work with the band for different perspectives," he said.

He said he likes his ensemble to work with anyone in the music field, whether they are professional musicians or faculty members in a music department.

Before the concert, the high school jazz ensemble will participate in a two-hour clinic given by Eastern music faculty.

The faculty will help the high school students with songs they will perform later that day for the concert.

BRING ON THE MUSIC:

• **Performers:** Eastern's jazz ensemble band, Champaign Central High School's jazz ensemble, Eastern's music department faculty members

• **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
• **When:** Today
• **Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom
• **Admission:** Free

The Champaign Central High School jazz ensemble will not be the only non-Eastern student group to perform in the concert.

A few faculty members from the Eastern music department will also be featured. Paul Johnston will perform on piano, Scott Hesse on guitar and David Fink on bass.

"Guitarist Scott Hesse, bassist Dave Fink and I will be performing

'Bouncin' with Bud' by Bud Powell on Thursday's concert," Johnston said.

Fagaly said he has enjoyed preparing for this concert.

"It's always satisfying to help students develop their potential as musicians and grow as individuals through their hard work in preparing challenging, professional level music," he said.

RHA REVIEWS HOUSING BUDGET

RHA discusses budget adjustment on living arrangements for next semester tonight

By Jordan Crook
RHA Reporter

Members of the Residence Hall Association will give their input on the 2008-09 housing and dining budget at their meeting at 5 p.m. today in Thomas Hall.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, along with representatives of the Bond Revenue Committee, will inform RHA members about how the budget will be adjusted for next year.

They will also specifically discuss how it will affect students living in residence halls.

Whatever they want to know, I'm here to tell them about it."

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services on sharing information during RHA meetings

Six student representatives are on the Bond Revenue Committee, three from Student Senate and three from RHA.

These members help Hudson and other administration officials create the budget for the next school year.

Hudson said he shared information on the budget with Student Senate at their meeting Wednesday night.

He said this information sharing is necessary to get student input, such as how to properly use funds and to answer any possible questions students might have regarding how funds are appropriated.

"Whatever they want to know, I'm here to tell them about it," Hudson said.

Some parts of the budget Hudson will mention at the meeting include the money allocated for the Douglas Hall renovations and the effect the minimum wage increase will have on the budget.

Hudson said this is one of the more important duties of RHA because it represents students living in residence halls, which are affected by the budget.

RHA President Jarrod Scherle said he agrees with Hudson that this is one of the most important duties

of RHA.

"This kind of fulfills our purpose," he said. "This is what RHA is here for."

Scherle said members would hear what Hudson and the Bond Revenue Board members have to say about the budget, then vote whether or not to approve the budget.

He said he does not foresee RHA voting against the budget.

Scherle said he thinks the amount of effort committee members put into creating the budget will make it satisfactory for RHA members.

"(Board members) put a lot of effort into it," he said.

RHA MEETING

• **Time:** 5 p.m.
• **When:** Today
• **Where:** Thomas Hall lobby

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Secretary of State Jesse White on campus today

Secretary of State Jesse White will unveil the Eastern specialty license plates in vanity and personalized formats today.

White will reveal the plate at 10 a.m. in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, where the Secretary of State's Office will have its services from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Driver's licenses may be renewed in the Bridge Lounge.

Other services to be offered on campus will include purchasing of the annual license plate sticker, replacing or correcting a driver's license or state ID card, purchasing Eastern specialty plates, and purchasing passenger vehicle license plates and B-Truck plates.

Registration for organ donation and parking placards for people with disabilities will also be available.

Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for a list of acceptable forms of identification.

AB looks at UB requests

Apportionment Board will look at three additional allocation requests from the University Board today.

The UB Mainstage Committee is asking for an additional \$10,980 for next semester, the Special Events Committee is asking for \$32,000 and the Lectures Committee is asking for \$17,870.

If approved, the Lectures Committee's additional allocation request will not be submitted to the Student Senate until next semester, said student vice president for business affairs Leah Pietraszewski.

The Apportionment Board meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Author speaks Thursday

Children's book author Candace Fleming will speak today after her Nov. 11 appearance was canceled after a death in her family.

Fleming was awarded the 2006 Prairie State Award for Excellence in Children. She was also nominated for the 2008 Monarch Award for "Boxes for Katje."

Her presentation will start at 7:30 p.m. in Buzzard Auditorium.

Holiday hellos to the troops

Family and friends of those serving in the military can record 30-second messages in the WEIU "Holiday Wishes to Our Troops" project. Taping will take place all day Friday.

Interested participants should contact Jana Johnson at 581-5956 or (877) PBS-WEIU to schedule a taping time. The messages will be available at weiu.net and weiuhitmix.net from Dec. 17 to Jan. 5.

— Matt Hopf, Associate News Editor

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DEEP UNDERSTANDING

I am not responding to the negative review in the Nov. 23 issue of the Verge, but to the reviewer's utter lack of knowledge of the metal genre. The constant comparison to AC/DC was ridiculous; the bands could not be more opposite.

AC/DC plays mid-tempo blues rock in a standard 4/4 time signature, while Overkill (one word by the way) plays thrash metal, which is known for its breakneck tempo and abrupt time changes.

It was obvious the reviewer knows little about metal other than that he dislikes it.

Some other issues with the article were: The skull and bat logo was adopted around 1986. Avenged Sevenfold stole the logo in the same manner they have stolen every other aspect of their image and sound from other bands.

The inability to recognize Randall Blythe was an obvious clue to the reviewer's tastes. Randy Blythe is the singer for platinum-selling Ozfest headliners Lamb of God.

My main complaint is the lack of research on the reviewer's part; you could have at least googled the band name. You cannot adequately review something you do not like; I cannot appreciate the flavor of liver because I do not like it.

The difference between the reviewer and me is that I would not try; I would defer to someone else. The reviewer should stick to what he knows and if you have another chance to review a metal record ask me, I would be happy to help.

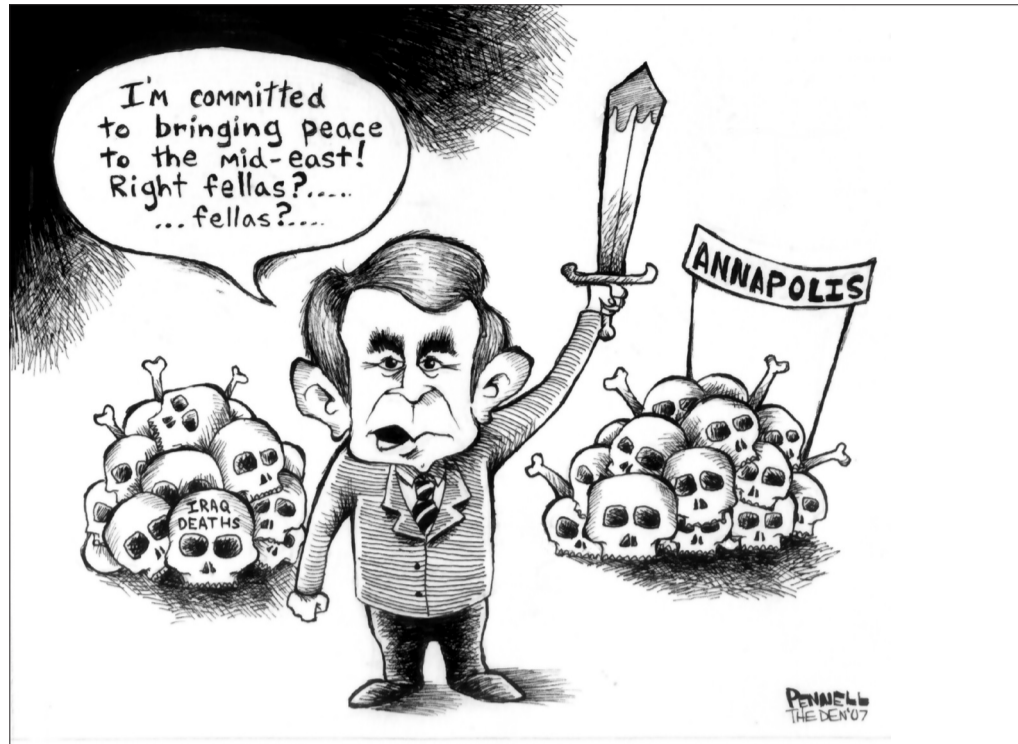
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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL



STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO

The return of
a false hope

These two communities have been fighting for thousands and thousands of years, but Israel and Palestine have returned optimism to the region.

They are talking peace.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas agreed to a document that will guide negotiations in peace talks to create a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Negotiations are hoped to be finished before 2009.

CNN.com reported Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said Israel is optimistic about these peace talks because of the trust between Olmert and Abbas, and because of the international support behind the peace talks.

This sounds encouraging but, with this situation, realism outweighs optimism.

These peace talks are a joke.

CNN.com also reported that Regev said Iran, Lebanon-based Hezbollah militants and Gaza-based Hamas militants would more than likely "torpedo" the peace talks.

"Torpedo the peace talks" is a polite way of describing what will happen. "A violent onslaught in response to the peace talks" is a more accurate foreshadowing of what will happen.

Furthermore, the peace talks will not address the pertinent issues.

On Tuesday, CNN.com released an article detailing what is in the document that is supposed to guide negotiations.

"The document does not contain specifics about contentious issues that divide the Israelis and Palestinians," CNN.com reported.

The news medium reported President George Bush said the document is a promise to "propagate a culture of peace and nonviolence."

These guidelines for peace talks between rival countries will not address the issues that divide them, yet they claim to promise peace.

What do these guidelines guarantee, again? Nothing.

It is making a promise, which is a glittering term that has no substance in this particular context.

And the peace talks will not even solve anything because Israel and Palestine are not looking at the problems that divide them.

That optimism fades fast after sifting through the fluffy words of Bush, Olmert and Abbas.

No one even approves of Olmert.

In Time Magazine's May 3 issue, Olmert's approval rating was at three percent.

Abbas only controls half of Palestine because he is the head of the Fatah party, which controls the West Bank. Hamas, a rival organization, controls Gaza.

All of this proves the peace talks are a joke because, even if these two leaders can agree to peace, the citizens of these countries do not back their leaders.

It is a bleak situation that will only change when each country – leaders and citizens – collectively agree to peace.

Until then, there is nothing to be optimistic about Israel and Palestine's peace talks.

Stephen Di Benedetto is a sophomore journalism student and the senior university reporter.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Smoothing over potholes
and unique problems

The city of Charleston has done a good job of making some much-needed renovations to the city streets and sidewalks this semester.

Sixth Street is in much better shape from Lincoln Avenue to the square than it was at the beginning of the semester.

Resurfacing has taken the better part of the semester and after the Sixth Street project, Seventh Street has improved tremendously, thanks to the skilled efforts of the crews.

These projects have benefited Eastern students, and city officials should be commended for what they are doing.

They keep plugging away on projects in the city that are meant to make things easier and

safer for students and residents who make the walk from Eastern's campus to the city's square downtown.

During a two-day retreat that concluded Nov. 15 at City Hall, officials talked about future projects. Unfortunately, some areas that are in the worst disrepair have not been mentioned as an area marked for improvement.

Most projects are set along 18th and 20th streets in Charleston.

Being a small town with a large university, the city is in a complex situation not shared by other area towns.

The administrators of the city must balance the needs of full-time residents with the needs of students – who are only here a few years, and not even year-round.

This is not always a simple task with both groups clamoring for more attention.

Students can argue that they contribute to the city quite a bit, and the economy of the city wouldn't be the same without them.

Because of this, work on sidewalks closer

EDITORIAL POLICY

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to campus should move up in priority.

The sidewalk on Grant Avenue is years beyond the time when it should have been repaired.

The wear has produced dangerous cracks and hills that should be repaired as soon as possible.

But residents also have their requests, and

they have to be taken seriously as well.

On Fourth Street, from Jackson Avenue to Illinois Route

130, several potholes pose a potential danger.

The potholes in that area are so numerous that anybody driving on them needs to have a near-superhuman awareness of where each tire on their vehicle is at each and every moment.

One second of not paying attention could lead to needing an unexpected trip to the mechanic, dragging car innards in a hail of sparks.

Because residents contribute in property taxes as well as the year-round economy, they must also be put onto a priority list. This is a difficult juggling act the city has been doing.

Thus far, the city has been doing a good job of honoring the balance between residents and students.

But separate priority lists, with students' concerns on one and residents' concerns on the other, might help make the balance easier.

This would be an opportunity for student involvement, either directly from students or through Student Senate.

The city is in a complex situation not shared by local towns.

Group wants judicial process to be 'transparent'

COUNSELING, FROM PAGE 1

Manges had a flashback, a symptom of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, while trying to leave her classroom in Coleman Hall on Sept. 5.

Manges was offered a medical withdrawal after a judicial hearing determined she had violated the Student Code of Conduct by disrupting class. She signed the withdrawal on Sept. 20.

D'Antonio has been on a behavioral contract since Feb. 23, 2005, for an eating disorder she developed at age 14. She had been symptom-free for two years prior to her transfer to Eastern in fall 2003, but the disorder reappeared after she was sexually assaulted on campus Aug. 24, 2003. D'Antonio said the contract prevents her from being honest about her disorder.

Enck-Wanzer said she personally feels it is a scary time for sexual assault victims to be on campus.

"It has not been a transparent process, which I think is very unfair to rape victims who may fear they have a similar response," she said. "If someone has PTSD or an eating disorder, this has to be a real scary time to be on this campus because they do not know if they are going to be kicked off it if something happens."

Enck-Wanzer has been working with domestic violence shelters and sexual assault crisis clinics since 1991 and is currently on the board of directors for SACIS and HOPE, a domestic violence shelter in Charleston.

She said a transparent process needs to be in place for situations like Manges' and D'Antonio's.

"The students are really being forced to leave. The university might say we are not forcing them to leave, but it is not really clear. It's not clear to students what their options are and, if it is not clear to students, then you have perceptions that they are being forced out," Enck-Wanzer said. "Maybe those perceptions are unfounded – but then the system

“They are not choosing to engage in behaviors that are problematic to the university. These are medical reactions.”

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, communication studies professor and member of Women's Studies

needs to be a whole lot clearer.”

The university needs to treat mental health problems the same way as physical health problems, she said.

"If you are going to kick every person out who has an eating disorder and passes out in class, then we better be kicking out the kids who have diabetes," Enck-Wanzer said. "I don't see that being a consistent stance across the board."

She added that PTSD and eating disorders are not behavioral problems.

"They are not choosing to engage in behaviors that are problematic to the university," Enck-Wanzer said. "These are medical reactions."

She said when situations like Manges' and D'Antonio's arise, Judicial Affairs should not be involved with them. She said it needs to be handled by a medical board – not a judicial board.

Nadler said he was pleased to hear Women's Studies' concerns.

"I think any time you bring people together who want to share ideas or have suggestions, and you are able to pull that off and get a good turnout, to me, that is a pretty successful initiative," he said.

The members who attended the

A VIEW OF THE LETTER

Women's studies listed four questions in the letter to better understand the university's policies and procedures regarding situations like Manges' and D'Antonio's.

1. By whom and according to what guidelines are students suffering emotional distress being sent to the Judicial Board? What is the role of the Counseling Center? Why are the students' major department and/or other faculty who could speak to their ability to function successfully in the classroom excluded from this group?

2. Is Eastern becoming too intolerant of students experiencing emotional distress, applying one-size-fits-all zero-tolerance policies to a broad range of behaviors, conditions and diagnoses due to an exaggerated fear of threat to the institution?

3. Is it reasonable or fair to offer the students in questions the options of: (a) judicial suspension with the consequence of no tuition/fees refund but the possibility for appeal or (b) "voluntary" medical withdrawal, with refund of tuition/fees but no chance to appeal. This seems intrinsically coercive in nature, and designed to remove the student rather than arrive at the fairest possible outcome.

4. Is Eastern, rather than assisting students, contributing to the victimization of those who have already been assaulted and are struggling to rebuild their lives?

Two female EIU students have recently had the courage to object publicly (in the DEN, at the "Take Back the Night" march, in *Inside Higher Ed*) that they have been unfairly treated by EIU in the wake of sexual assaults perpetrated against them. Efforts by several faculty members to find out more about EIU's policies and practices regarding students suffering emotional or psychological distress caused by assault have not yielded satisfactory explanations. The following questions and issues remain:

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The undersigned members of the Women's Studies program respectfully request that Judicial Affairs and the University at large consider the broad implications for the institution, its students, and its reputation as a school that cares for its students' well-being.

Respectfully,

Angela Aguayo	Dagni Bredesen	Julie Campbell
Linda Coleman	Gene Deerman	Jonelle Depetro
Sace Elder	Suzanne Enck-Wanzer	Elizabeth Gill
Ruth Hoberman	Fern Kory	Linda Leal
Daiva Markelis	Janet Marquardt	Melanie Mills
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Lisa Taylor		

cc: Faculty Senate

Oct. 31 meeting asked if they could be involved in the hiring of a new counselor that is set to start this spring.

Nadler said he agreed to their wishes.

"In all searches that we do, we try to involve students, faculty and staff," he said. "Again, I see it as a very positive thing."

As far as the members hoping to have Judicial Board members complete 40 hours of training from SACIS, Nadler said training is already taking place and has happened in the past.

But he was open to their concerns.

"We are always looking for ways in which to get some additional

training," Nadler said.

He added that there would be continued dialogue with Women's Studies in the future.

Janet Marquardt, art professor and member of Women's Studies, also signed the letter. She has spent six years counseling sexual assault victims in Los Angeles.

She said the members are upset by the way the university handles mental illnesses like PTSD and eating disorders.

"The other thing that really bothers us is PTSD is a physical condition that you get," Marquardt said. "It's psychological, but it becomes a physical problem, and we don't treat it like that."

She said, to her knowledge, the

way Eastern uses behavioral contracts is detrimental to the student.

"For us as a university, who says they want to support students and help them, to turn around and add to that stress is crazy," Marquardt said.

Enck-Wanzer said she is cautiously optimistic about the future.

"I think, like all bureaucratic systems, it is going to take a while before they are actually able to move forward," she said. "I think it was at least a response, which is necessary."

Women's Studies would keep pressure on the administration until they start handling these situations better, she said.

"I think the proof will be in what they do next," Enck-Wanzer said.

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Student body president Cole D. Rogers encourages students to vote in the Student Government elections during the Student Government meeting Wednesday night.

Ballot not released yet

By Chris Walden
Student Government Reporter

Student Senate did not release the ballot for the Student Government elections at its meeting Wednesday night.

Although the senate members had plans to announce the ballot, it is not known why the information did not come in, said Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president.

Representatives from the Electronic Writing Portfolio also did not make an appearance at Wednesday's senate meeting. Senate member Jeff Melanson, who helped arrange for the EWP presentation, said he does not know why they did not show.

Student Senate speaker Adam Martinelli announced Wednesday night the Student Government Web site was not updated over Thanksgiving break because the hired Web designer, Tyler Bartholomew, is on vacation in Florida and plans to return today.

Martinelli acknowledged the Web site is two months behind schedule

and promised the senate it will get done by Monday.

The senate also passed three proposals, one of them being emergency legislation.

The second Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meeting is being held this weekend at Illinois State University, and Student Government requested \$639.83 to send one voting member and three non-voting members to the meeting.

Bulgar explained because IBHE-SAC provided the hotel arrangements late, the bill was deemed emergency legislation to make it in time. It passed 21-1 with one abstention.

Bulgar had other business concerning the previously tabled bill to reimburse him for paying for Halloween voter registration drive prizes out of his pocket.

After a brief discussion, the bill passed 15-4 with four abstentions.

The University Board's \$3,500 Student Film Festival proposal was passed 13-4 with six abstentions.

Healthy through holidays

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

Grape juice, spinach, oatmeal, almonds and cocoa.

James Painter, chair of the school of family and consumer sciences, said these five ingredients can help make the holidays a little tastier – and healthier.

During Wednesday's Healthy Lifestyles: Eating Through the Holidays presentation, Painter and Dawn Wilcox, nutrition education coordinator, explained the benefits of these foods and showed how to incorporate them into holiday dishes.

Faculty and staff who attended the session were able to sample the recipes, while Wilcox demonstrated how to prepare them.

Many participants were surprised to find hot cocoa among the health foods.

Painter said cocoa, when prepared correctly, can be just as beneficial as red wine.

He explained that the pre-packaged hot chocolate mixes most people buy at grocery stores are processed with alkali.

This is done to take the bitter taste out of the cocoa.

But when cocoa is processed with alkali, it loses its benefits.

Plain cocoa, not processed with alkali, provides higher amounts of antioxidants than black tea, green tea and even red wine.

Painter said cocoa causes blood vessels to dilate, which reduces the risk of clogged arteries and chronic heart disease.

Wilcox shared a healthy recipe for hot cocoa that uses natural cocoa, skim milk, water, vanilla and Splenda.

She said the same recipe can be found on the side of the box of Hershey's Natural Cocoa.

Painter said drinking red wine also opens up the blood vessels.

"If you drink only four ounces of red wine you will get similar benefits," Painter said. "But if you drink more than that, you just become lush."

Painter said when it comes to eating fats, food consumption is a balancing act.

"Butter is not evil," he said. "You can eat butter and live to be 150. Having some saturated fat is perfectly healthy, but we have to balance it off with more monosaturated fats."

To balance these fats, Wilcox said healthier ingredients can be substituted for some fatty items in recipes.

But for most people, the hardest part of the holidays is not preparing food, but consuming it.

In order to avoid overindulging at gatherings, Wilcox suggested having a small snack before arriving. She said going to a party on an empty stomach will likely cause one to overeat.

Nanci Newstrom, Eastern faculty member, said she anticipated trying out the recipes from Wednesday's session.

She said attending the presentation gave her some fresh ideas and motivation for this year's holiday season.

"I like that the session focused on only five different ingredients," Newstrom said. "It won't be too overwhelming to try and incorporate those things into more foods."

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UNDER PRESSURE: DEALING WITH STRESS



“Stomp Out Stress” emphasizes how to say ‘no’ and teaches that a little stress in everyone’s life can be a good thing

By Brittany Morgan
Staff Reporter

Participants in Wednesday’s “Stomp Out Stress” presentation learned an exercise to relieve stress.

The exercise involved placing feet flat on the floor while sitting up straight with hands placed in one’s lap. Attendees were told to close their eyes and concentrate on their breathing.

“Stress can mean different things to different people,” said Rachel Fisher, health communication and marketing specialist at the Health Education Resource Center.

The event, attended by 10 people, was sponsored by HERC and held in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Fisher began the presentation by telling the audience that stress is not

always bad.

She asked the participants to rate their level of stress on a scale of one to 10.

Fisher said some people are on the high end of the stress scale, some are in the middle and others are on the lower end.

When asked what stress meant to them, people in the room answered with a variety of responses.

Being overwhelmed, having a lot of work to do and not having control of anything were among the responses.

Fisher said stress could also be caused by financial issues, time management problems and even the holiday season.

Stress can come from a person’s environment, social activities or thoughts.

“Make peace with your stress by giving yourself an escape – a fresh

perspective,” Fisher said.

Fisher listed some symptoms of stress, including lack of sleep and change in appetite.

She said stress occurs when the body has high levels of cortisol, the “stress hormone.”

These high levels can be lowered by production of endorphins.

Endorphins can be produced in the body in a variety of ways, like working out, and can be found in chocolate, Fisher said.

She also suggested for those who are stressed to count back from 10 giving the body time to bring cortisone levels down and allow the mind to think more rationally.

The presentation featured other healthy ways people can combat stress.

Methods included getting proper and consistent sleep, working out, listening to music, laughing and eating

healthfully.

Fisher handed out a worksheet to the group with a quiz called, “How Well Do You Plan?”

The quiz determined how well attendees planned and managed their time.

Fisher said establishing priorities and including “me” time in schedules are very important.

These things can be done by keeping an up-to-date planner, establishing goals and creating daily to-do lists.

Fisher also gave hints on prioritizing daily to-do items.

If there are items that can be done in five minutes or less, such as sending an e-mail, then they should be done first.

These things, when put off, can feel like “little annoying kids

pulling on your arm,” Fisher said.

Sometimes learning to say “no” can also help a person become less stressed.

“Monitor how you currently monitor your time,” Fisher said.

Before saying yes, one should ask questions like, “Do I really have the time or energy?” “Does it invade personal time?” and “Does it fit in with my priorities?”

When spending time for oneself, Fisher suggested picking an inspiring place and time, choosing a spot that is private and avoiding interruptions.

The opinions of the group varied as to whether the tips given during the presentation would help them in their lives.

An attendee, Lisa Browne, family and consumer sciences major, said the deep breathing was really relaxing but the presentation probably would not help her be less stressed in her life.

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Injuries plague team, make the Panthers young on both sides

FROM FOOTBALL, PAGE 12

Junior Adam Kesler, the projected starter heading into the season, suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament during the team's second day of practice and missed the season.

Ponius and Fisher combined to make 37 catches for 398 yards and two touchdowns.

The decision to switch quarterbacks was not one based on an injury.

Sophomore Bodie Reeder replaced Cole Stinson in the third quarter of Eastern's third game of

the year against Illinois State. The 6-foot, 203-pound Reeder started the rest of the season and Eastern went 7-2 in games he started.

"I would hate to be the quarterback that comes in and can't sustain success," Reeder said in mid-August. "That's the kind of pressure I kind of put on myself where I want to keep this tradition alive. Whether it be this year or next year or a couple years after that, I just want to be able to kind of carry the torch after it's been passed along."

Senior linebacker Donald Thom-

as did not garner the individual statistics he did his junior year.

But the St. Louis native still earned first-team All-OVC honors, and is among one of the 16 finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award given to the FCS Top Defensive Player of the Year.

Thomas led the Panthers in tackles with 91, despite missing the Homecoming game against Tennessee-Martin and being limited the next week at Tennessee State with a foot sprain.

Senior Micah Rucker still caused

headaches for opponents with his 6-foot-6, 221-pound frame at wide receiver, despite being limited with rib and shoulder injuries in the last three games.

He finished with 52 receptions for 765 yards and nine touchdowns en route to his second straight selection to the All-OVC first team.

Defensive end Pierre Walters lived up to his preseason recognition of a first-team All-OVC selection by earning it in the postseason.

The 6-foot-5, 261-pound Forest Park native led the team with four

sacks. He also had 47 tackles, the most among the Panthers defensive linemen.

But Bellantoni said the Panthers 2007 season could be summed up best with one word: inconsistency.

"I just think we were really, really young because of all the injuries and stuff, and I think that led to some inconsistent play, probably on both sides of the ball," he said. "There were times where we looked like we were lights out, and there were times where we looked very average."

Recruits are from different states

FROM RECRUIT, PAGE 12

Included are four players from Illinois and one each from Florida and California.

Ashley Anderton (Dade City, Fla./Zephyrhills), Amanda Bilina (Orland Hills/Andrew), Hailee Hanna (Newbury Park, Calif./Newbury Park), Amber May (Normal/Normal Community), Hayley Pieper (St. Louis/Nerinx Hall), Jennifer Saucier (Chatham/Chatham-Glenwood) and Maria Sorrentino (McHenry/McHenry West) all signed to be future Panthers.

Kish's coach played basketball at Eastern

Sandburg's Madeline Kish signed a National Letter of Intent to play with the Panthers next season.

Kish's coach, Christine Borst, played basketball with the Panthers. Borst graduated from Eastern in 1993. Kish, a 5-foot-10 guard, had looks from other schools.

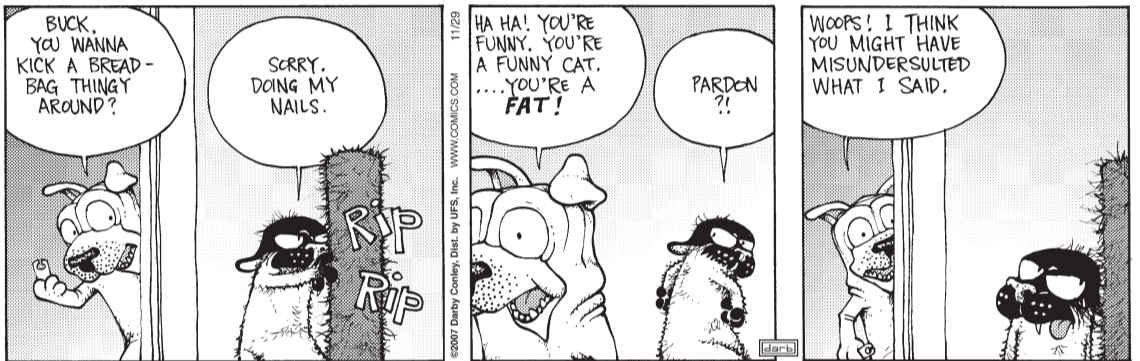
She was contacted by Indiana State, Illinois-Chicago and Cleveland State.

"She's really developed her game," Borst said.

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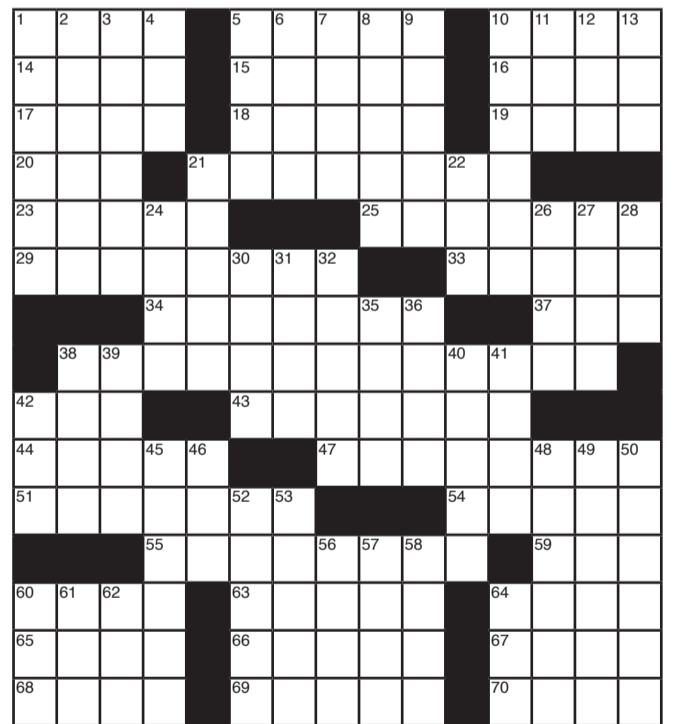
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MEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Freshmen impress coach early

Panthers compete in annual intersquad meet before break

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

Each year, the men's indoor track team holds an intersquad meet before Thanksgiving to keep track of times and records of runners, pole vaulters and throwers.

Eastern head indoor track coach Tom Akers said this year's meet shows good things to come for the season.

"We keep track of the guys' records and look at how the guys did previous years," he said. "I was

very pleased with how we looked this year. We did a solid job and I think it's a good sign of things to come this season."

Akers said he could not point to a single individual as more impressive than another athlete. However, he did say his young athletes impressed him.

"I was not pleased with one person but the team as a whole," Akers said. "I was pleased with the young kids. They have shown a lot of potential and talent. That can be a heavy burden on young guys, but they work hard and have great attitudes."

Some of the freshmen who have impressed Akers include jumper Ty Vanderkerkhove, middle distance

runner Justin Helpinstine, middle distance runner Nick Kuczvara and jumper Rob Lawson.

Pole vaulting a strength

One of the strengths of the indoor track team will be its pole vaulters. The team has three athletes who can vault over 16 feet, and Akers said he was impressed with freshman pole vaulter Joe Noonan.

Noonan said college track is much different than high school.

"We do a lot more lower body work than we did in high school," Noonan said. "The running is about the same though. This is, however, the highest I have been able to vault this early in the sea-

son."

Noonan said teammates like sophomore pole vaulter Dorian White have already had an effect on his training.

"We push each other in the weight room," Noonan said. "He makes me add more weight all the time."

Prepared for first meet

The indoor track season begins for both men and women Dec. 8 at Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse against Indiana State.

Akers said the team is anxious for the competition.

"It's our first meet and our guys are anxious for it," Akers said. "We have a good match-up against them.

They are strong in some events, we are strong in some events it should be a good battle. Most of the track guys have been training since early September, and they are itching to get into it."

Noonan said the team is physically ready but has to work on some of the technical stuff.

"Lifting and running I think we are up to task," Noonan said. "Right now, we have to concentrate and work on the technical stuff."

White said the team should do well against Indiana State.

"Don't know much about the competition, but we'll do real well," White said. "During meet, you figure out more of the technical things and that will help us."

FOOTBALL | GREEN BAY AT COWBOYS

Loyalties divided in Romo's hometown

The Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Wis. — On the wall behind the bar at Fred's — the self-proclaimed home of the world's best burger — Tony Romo and Brett Favre get equal billing. A signed Romo jersey hangs in a frame on one side, a big picture of a young Favre on the other.

Most weeks, there's no conflict in this division of loyalties. Residents can root for the Eastern Illinois grad, the local kid who grew up to

be quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, and still be loyal to Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

But this week, an agonizing choice will have to be made. When the Packers play at Dallas on Thursday night in a game that could decide home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, you may as well ask the folks in Burlington which family member they like best.

"Probably the best scenario that could happen is if Tony throws for

five touchdowns and loses to the Packers by a point. I think that would be the best scenario for everyone in Burlington," said Fred Mabson, the Fred of Fred's Parkview who has known Romo since the quarterback was 8- or 9- years-old.

"It's hard not to have strong feelings on either side," he said.

Though it is closer to Chicago than Green Bay, Burlington sits squarely in Packers country. Green Bay flags fly outside of several homes, there are Packers bumper

stickers and window decals galore, and signs outside of bars tout big-screen TVs and drink specials for games. One home even has a wooden Packer supporting its mailbox.

And the playground outside an area elementary school? It has green swings and a gold slide.

"That's Packer country, man," said Dallas tight end Jason Witten, who is one of Romo's best friends on the Cowboys and has been back to Burlington with him. "They love Tony now; there's a lot of No. 9 jer-

seys up there. But I think they love Brett Favre a little bit more right now."

Green Bay's win-loss record has never made a difference in Wisconsin's affection for the team, but fans can't help being giddy over this year's unexpected success. Instead of struggling, the young team is 10-1 and tied with Dallas for best record in the NFC. Favre is playing like the MVP of old, and nobody is questioning whether the 38-year-old should retire now.

Panthers exit early from the playoffs again

DANIELS, FROM PAGE 12

The Panthers were left searching for answers for the third-straight year, following another early exit in the playoffs.

This loss seemed to hurt not only the seniors, but also the entire team.

And it's clear why.

This team was close — thanks mostly to the team's senior leadership.

Defensive coordinator Roc Belantoni said Wednesday this was the closest team he's coached since he joined the Panthers staff in 2001.

Kelly said the same thing after Saturday's game.

It was evident with junior linebacker James Larson coming out of the locker room with red eyes.

Freshman offensive lineman Ryan Grossman, who didn't see the field once this season, had the same saddened look on his face.

And sophomore defensive lineman Trevor Frericks, who at this time last year was still at Bowling Green, had a look of disbelief and sadness after Saturday's game.

"Usually (with the underclassmen), it's like 'All right, we'll get them next year,'" Kelly said. "And they showed a little more emotion. And I guess it's a tribute to the seniors and what they've done for this program."

This year's team graduates 19

seniors. Every one of them, even the ones who didn't factor much into the games, played a role.

The dynamic game-changing ability of wide receiver Micah Rucker is something that would be hard to equal by any Eastern receiver in the next 10 years.

The soul and fire of undersized defensive lineman Nick Kray will also be missed next year.

Kelly, who played father figure to many underclassmen, won't be

there next year.

"It's an eerie feeling," Adeniji said. "When you're a freshman, you think, 'Wow, this is never going to end.' You get to your senior year, and it's your turn standing up there. It's not your turn watching anymore. It's a sad, hard feeling that no one wants to go through. But everything has to come to an end."


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WOMEN'S SOCCER | NEWS

'Lakeside Queen' leaves

Search begins for new assistant coach

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The "Lakeside Queen" is moving to the suburbs.

Eastern assistant women's soccer coach Beth Liesen will begin teaching in the Chicago suburbs starting next semester.

"It's what she was born to do," Eastern head women's soccer coach Tim Nowak said.

Nowak said every time children attended the Eastern soccer camps, he could see Liesen had a gift for working with young kids.

Liesen, Quincy native finished her third season with the Panthers after she graduated in 2004. She is one of the most accomplished players in program history.

Liesen, who graduated with a



Beth Liesen

// It's what she was born to do."

Tim Nowak, women's head soccer coach, on Liesen teaching in the Chicago area

bachelor's degree in elementary education, finished her graduate work in the summer. She now has a master's degree in elementary education and is scouting the Chicago area for work.

Liesen works in a new classroom in Crete-Monee with preschoolers. Liesen was the Eastern assistant women's soccer coach from 2005-07.

"She does a lot of behind-the-scenes work," Nowak said. "She wanted to win as much as anybody."

She garnered All-Ohio Valley Conference every season. Liesen was the 2000 Conference Freshman of the Year and in her senior year, she was the OVC Player of the Year.

She put Eastern on the map in the conference in women's soccer. She led the Panthers to four-straight conference tournament titles and four straight NCAA College Cup appearances. She was the MVP of

the conference tournament in 2003 and an eight-time OVC Player of the Week.

Liesen also was recognized for her work outside of the OVC.

She was named to the Great Lakes All-Region three times as a freshman, as a sophomore as a third-team honoree and as a senior on the first team. She is the only player in program history to earn that honor. Liesen is the only Panther to be named to the Co-SIDA Academic All-District Region V First Team twice.

"I could trust her with a lot of information and a lot of trust and faith," Nowak said. "Beth was very mature."

Nowak said Liesen has passed along her passion to the players.

One of those players is junior forward Pam Melinauskas.

Melinauskas will be one of the top players for next season, and she

recognized Liesen for maintaining a professional rapport with the program.

"I could talk to her about anything," Melinauskas said. "(She remained) professional."

Liesen ranks first in program history career goals, points and game-winning goals, and is third in assists.

Liesen worked with the team during spring 2005 before Nowak was named the head coach.

Nowak said Liesen did a good job of being a coach and she knew when to draw the line between being a coach and being a friend. She was able to maintain relationships with her former teammates while still coaching.

The search for an assistant coach will begin as soon as a committee is formed. Nowak said there is not a set timetable.

Previous coaches were Kristin Boecker and Adam Howarth. Boecker is now an assistant at Texas San Antonio with former Eastern head coach Steve Ballard, the head women's soccer coach at UTSA. Howarth, Eastern men's soccer head coach, served as the interim assistant coach at one point as well.

LIESEN NOTES

• Beth Liesen's name will be known around the state if she looks for a coaching position. The Quincy Notre Dame grad finished with 169 goals in high school, which ranks fourth all-time in Illinois School Association history in girls soccer. She scored 59 during her senior year. She ranks 16th all-time with most goals in a match (5). She accomplished that feat twice during her senior year. Liesen holds the state record for most consecutive matches scored in one's career (29) and season (24).

• Liesen's athletic ability made a difference for the Panthers. She won three-straight intramural women's basketball championships at Eastern and played as a setter in volleyball in high school where the Blue Raiders won a state championship her junior year and finished runner-up her senior year. Liesen was named to Class A State Tournament her senior season. She is ranked 21st in the state with the most career assists (921).

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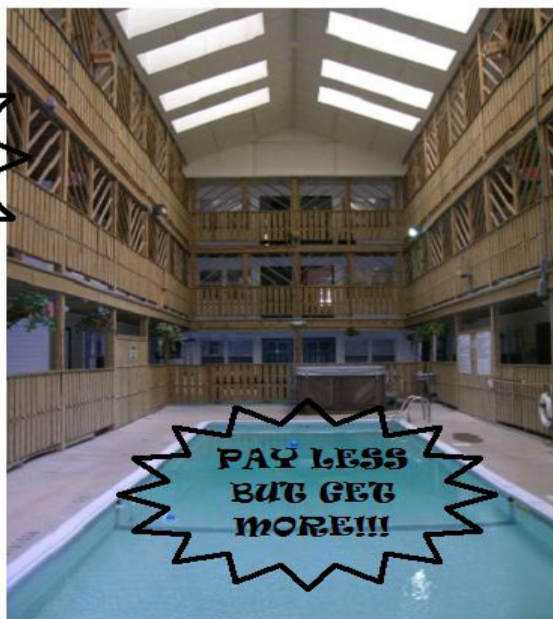
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ROMO WATCH

Eastern grad Tony Romo prepares for the 10-1 Green Bay Packers in critical NFC game.

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FOOTBALL | SEASON RECAP

PANTHERS ENDURE FAMILIAR FINALE

Numerous starters have stepped up for injured players

By Matt Daniels
 Staff Reporter

The regular season success has been consistent.

The numerous Ohio Valley Conference accolades have been consistent.

And for a program yearning for a Football Championship Subdivision playoff win, the results have been – to the chagrin of Eastern football players and coaches – consistent.

The Panthers are once again in what has become a familiar position in late November: watching eight other teams have a shot at the same national title chance they had one week ago.

“I think we’ve laid the foundation for a pretty damn good team next year,” said Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni. “But if we’re sitting here a year from now saying the same things that we’ve got to advance in the playoffs, we haven’t made any hay.”

Head coach Bob Spoo is back in the office this week – albeit for half the day – after having an appendectomy last week and missing the Panthers playoff game at Southern Illinois.

But the 70-year-old enjoyed another superb season, leading the Panthers to their seventh playoff trip in his 20 seasons.

Eastern can point to some players who did not have large roles last season as a reason why the Panthers finished second in the league.

Injuries to key contributors from the 2006 season played a factor for some of those players.

Senior running back Ademola Adeniji came into the season third on the depth-chart, behind Norris Smith and Travorus Bess.

But after the right knee injury Smith sustained in April never progressed, and Bess dealt with a lingering hamstring injury, the starting running back role was thrust onto Adeniji in early October.

The Springfield native not only filled the role, he held onto it.

The 5-foot-11, 215-pound Adeni-



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Eastern senior running back Ademola Adeniji runs in the Eastern-Southern Illinois playoff game in Carbondale. Eastern lost 30-11. Adeniji was third in the preseason in the back field but started the majority of the games because of injuries.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ACCOLADES

First team

Running back – senior Ademola Adeniji
 Wide receiver – senior Micah Rucker
 Offensive guard – sophomore Chaz Millard
 Offensive tackle – senior Anthony Rubican
 Defensive end – junior Pierre Walters

Linebacker – Donald Thomas

Second team

Center – Drew Cairo-Gross
 Defensive back – Rashad Haynes
 Defensive back – Ke’Andre Sams
 Punter – Kevin Cook

Newcomer

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 Offensive guard – Kevin Mahoney

ji earned first-team All-OVC honors after rushing for 1,254 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Junior Adrian Arrington filled in admirably at the starting free safety position for injured Seymour Loftman.

Loftman red-shirted this season after undergoing shoulder surgery prior to the year. Arrington finished with 72 tackles, third on the team,

and started all 12 games despite suffering a concussion in the second half against Eastern Kentucky.

Junior Ke’Andre Sams started at the strong safety position, earning second-team All-OVC accolades and finishing fourth on the team with 67 tackles.

“We’ll get Seymour back for spring practice,” Bellantoni said. “We’re going to have a problem at

GAME BY GAME RECAP

Date	Opponent	Result
8-30	Tennessee Tech	W 45-24
9-8	at Purdue	L 6-52
9-15	Illinois State	L 21-24
9-22	at Indiana State	W 54-20
9-29	at Southeast Mo.	W 31-16
10-6	Eastern Kentucky	L 21-28
10-13	at Murray State	W 27-24
10-20	Tennessee-Martin	W 29-23
10-27	at Tennessee State	W 38-35
11-10	at Jacksonville State	W 37-23
11-17	Samford	W 33-17
11-24	at Southern Illinois	L 11-30

safety with three really good players.”

Junior Quinten Ponius, a defensive back his first two seasons, and senior Jason Fisher filled in roles at one of the inside slot receivers.

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MATT DANIELS

A rather abrupt ending

Tim Kelly’s eyes wandered, searching for his father.

Still searching, the defensive end pulled the tape off his right wrist and let it fall to the ground outside the visitor locker room at McAndrew Stadium in Carbondale.

His eyes were bloodshot – evidence of the tears he had just shed in front of his teammates and coaches.

Minutes earlier, his college football career ended in Eastern’s 30-11 loss to Southern Illinois last Saturday.

The 6-foot-4, 277-pound senior just wanted some comfort.

Michael Kelly approached his son, didn’t say a word and engulfed his son in a bear hug.

Tim collapsed in his arms, with violent sobs muffled by his father’s shoulder.

This was only one scene of many emotional moments following the Panthers season-ending loss in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs to the Salukis.

Ademola Adeniji tried to force smiles while taking pictures with his family. But the senior running back’s eyes barely opened; the tears that had fallen down his face had started to dry.

Senior linebacker Donald Thomas, one of the top five linebackers to ever play at Eastern, couldn’t reserve his emotions for the locker room. His sadness started in the waning moments of the game, with teammates and coaches trying to console the hard-hitting Thomas.

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RECRUITING | NOTEBOOK

Morris lineman battles through disease off field

By Kevin Murphy
 Associate Sports Editor

Ben Olson has been through difficult times off the football field.

The Morris senior made a verbal commitment to Eastern Illinois.

He battled through a nervous disorder in his junior year.

The 6-foot-4, 273-pound lineman suffered a nervous condition that affected his legs.

He lost the feelings in his legs.

Morris head football coach and athletic director George Dergo said Olson played one game in his junior year and dressed for the playoffs.

Dergo said Olson went through the surgery and went through rehab to play football for his senior year.

He helped Morris to state runner-up spot against Metamora last weekend in Champaign.

“He’s a big kid,” Dergo said. “He plays with a lot of emotions. He’s one of the top players in the area.”

Olson had trouble squatting during the summer conditioning.

Dergo said he remembers Olson said he was stiff.

That’s when Olson found out.

“The doctors called it quick,” Dergo said.

Olson battled through the polio-like nervous disorder.

“You lose all the feeling you have in your legs,” he said. “I had no feeling in my feet. You have no balance, no strength. It was really scary.”

Olson was in the hospital for 10

days and was in rehab for three to four days.

“It really takes a toll on your balance,” he said. “I’d be walking and I’d tip over. It sucked. I wanted to get out there and play.”

He came back for his senior year.

Morris lost in the IHSA Class 5A State Championship against Metamora by a field goal.

“He wanted to go to Eastern,” Dergo said. “He won’t just be a number or B squad on the program,

if he works hard at it. He’d like to be a teacher (or) coach.”

Olson works as an offensive and defensive lineman.

Dergo remembered Olson battled a big lineman in the IHSA Class 5A State Semifinals.

The Woodstock (Marian) lineman, who was a Notre Dame recruit, battled with Olson, who was on the offensive line.

“They battled it out,” Dergo said. “He held his own. A big part of that was Ben holding him at bay.”

Olson is also a member of the president’s council and the President of the Morris Club, the varsity letterman club.

Panthers sign three for women’s tennis program

Two Illinois standouts and a Pennsylvania standout signed with the women’s tennis programs.

Shannon Brooks, a West Aurora senior, finished her high school career with four All-State selection

honors. She finished 124-42 in high school career and 31-8 her senior year.

Annie Egan, a Rochester senior, finished with a 89-30 record and qualified for the state tournament four times.

Amanda Dibbs, (Allentown, Penn.), has been ranked as high as No. 223 in the nation by the United States Tennis Association while she was a student at Emmaus High School.

Seven players signed for softball

Eastern head softball coach Kim Schuette signed seven players.

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