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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

April 30, 2003 ♦ **WEDNESDAY**

Pitching in

This week's Top Cat, freshman Mike Budde, is helping the Panthers on and off the field

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MTV producer gives career advice

By Avian Carrasquillo
MANAGING EDITOR

MTV Producer Don Jamison told a crowd of 40 how he worked his way up the ranks of America's largest music network.

Jamison detailed his rise through the MTV ranks from his days as a Rutgers unpaid intern, who had to work two side jobs in painting and landscaping to survive, to getting his first paid job with MTV just minutes after receiving his diploma.

"I wasn't looking forward to moving in with my parents after four years when my sister told me that MTV had called and offered me a job," Jamison said.

Jamison advised students get internship experience early in their college life.

"The hands-on work really makes a difference. If you learn your craft early it raises you far above the other people looking for a job," Jamison said.

While working as an intern, Jamison said networking and professionalism were what helped get him hired out of college, as well as following up on a potential job.

"I recommended a friend's daughter for an internship; she had the grades, the personality, and the recommendations, but she never followed up on it," he said. "She was upset that she didn't get it, and I felt bad for her, but it just shows the importance of following through."

Over his 15-year career at MTV, Jamison discovered talents like Jon Stewart, Caroline Rhea, Tom Green, Jay Mohr and Pauly Shore. He has produced shows such as the MTV Super Bowl half-time shows and "Rock and Jock Softball."

Jamison said the advantages of the job have ranged from travel to rubbing elbows with celebrities.

"I'm proud of everything I put out. I take the approach that it will change the world. I can't explain the thrill I get from seeing my name on the ending credits," Jamison said.

"The speech was very informative," said senior speech communication major Tim Edwards. "He brought up a lot of good points."

Senior marketing major Amanda King said, "It's nice to see someone go from nothing to make it big in the entertainment business."



Don Jamison, a producer at MTV, speaks Tuesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Jamison spoke about his job, and different experiences at MTV.

Textbook rental cap removal approved

♦ *Student Senate committee votes down additional overall 4-percent increase*

By Niki Jensen
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Tuition and Fee Review Committee passed the removal of the textbook rental fee cap, but voted down an additional 4 percent overall increase Tuesday.

The fee is currently capped at \$95.15 for 12 or more semester hours.

If the committee's recommendation of removing the cap is passed by the Student Senate, a \$7.95 semester rate will be applied to each semester hour exceeding the twelfth.

For example, a student taking 15 hours will pay a textbook fee of \$119 and someone taking 21 hours will pay \$166.70.

Dan Klingenberg, director of textbook rental services, suggested the committee pass the 4-percent increase in addition to the removal of the cap.

But even with the additional 4-percent increase, Klingenberg said his ending balance would still be in the red.

"It's obvious they're highly in the red," said Amy Leonard, student vice president for business affairs. "However, I do not think we should burden the students with both the 4-percent increase and the removal of the cap."

The textbook rental fee proposals were sent back to the Tuition and Fee Review Committee for further review at last week's Student Senate meeting.

"I do not think we should burden the students with both the 4-percent increase and the removal of the cap."

—Amy Leonard

No future action for additional faculty member on committee

♦ *Faculty Senate also discusses possible fall commencement date change*

By Tim Martin
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate decided not to take future action Tuesday to have more faculty representation on the presidential search committee.

Last semester, the senate requested a third faculty member be added to the search committee, which will begin looking for a new president in August.

Nathaniel Anderson, chair of the Board of Trustees, told the senate earlier this month that the committee was already at optimum size.

Reed Benedict, sociology professor and senate member, said he believed pushing the issue might offend or disenfranchise some BOT members, who may believe the faculty are trying to impose by taking away an administrative voting member.

"If the horse is dead, bury it."

said Jean Dilworth, senate member and consumer science professor.

Interim President Lou Hencken signed a contract extension in the fall to remain as president through the 2003-04 school year.

Previously, faculty had three representatives in the presidential search committee, but the number was reduced when a seat was given to Bill Addison, a member on the Council of Chairs. Now, senate wants that disbanded seat back.

Steve Scher, associate psychology professor and senate member, said the faculty had not been misrepresented in the past, so action should not be taken.

"What are we gaining? What are we risking?" Scher said. "I don't think it's worth risking conflict. We don't know how this could have an effect on future issues."

Also during the meeting, the Faculty Senate gave Student Senate the decision on moving fall commencement up a week, from Dec. 20 to Dec. 13, before finals.

Hencken requested senate

change the fall 2003 commencement date in an e-mail. Conflicts with the current date's proximity to Christmas break and the concerns of the date falling during Hanukkah were his suggested reasons.

Amanda Sartore, recently elected student vice president for academic affairs, said the Student Senate's final meeting of the year is Wednesday, which does not fall after the mandated 48 hours required to vote on a proposal.

She said an informal vote could be a possibility, and from that feedback, senate will probably make a decision at next week's meeting.

One member involved in the commencement process voiced support for moving commencement up.

Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies, said volunteer workers and faculty, not just family, would appreciate the change.

"I think we would have a bigger, better participation if we had it earlier, as opposed to later," said

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Abell, who heads the department commencement reports to.

Either way, said David Carwell, assistant political science professor and Faculty Senate member, senate should be consistent in choosing what time frame the commencement is and "quit talking about it."

Regardless of when commencement is, Abell said the event is only ceremonial and that official diplomas are not delivered until all the university requirements are met.

The senate unanimously passed a motion to thank the Faculty Development Steering Committee for surveying faculty to prioritize activities and goals they would like

Possible fall commencement date change

- ♦ Current date: Dec. 20
- ♦ Proposed changed date: Dec. 13
- ♦ Reasons for change: Too close to Christmas break; inconvenience for family, faculty members and volunteers to travel
- ♦ Advantages: More volunteers could mean a higher quality commencement
- ♦ Disadvantages: Before finals week, poor attendance

to see. Some 121 faculty members, or about 22 percent, responded to the survey. The committee also held a teaching fair and designed a Web site that added links and resources in getting grant money.

The senate also approved appointments to university boards and councils. Various faculty members were appointed to the Apportionment Board, Judicial Board and Campus Recreation Board.

The Faculty Senate also approved the rest of the write-in candidates in faculty committee elections last month.

Senate to elect a new speaker

By Niki Jensen
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate members will appoint a new speaker of the senate at Wednesday's meeting.

The appointment will follow Bill Davidson's State of the Senate address that sums up the senate's efforts this semester and provides a look to the future.

Student Senate members Mike Walsh, George Lesica, Ryan Herdes and Brian Scios will vie for the speaker of the senate position, Walsh said.

"We all get three minutes to speak and we have two people to speak on our behalf," he said.

The senate also will vote on a proposal to increase the textbook rental fee by \$3.80 to a total of \$98.95 per semester.

The 4-percent increase is an addition to the removal of the textbook rental cap: no more than \$95.15 for 12 or more semester hours.

The Tuition and Fee Review Committee voted down the recommended increase again Tuesday after the senate sent the proposal back to the committee for review.

Walsh said Dan Klingenberg, director of Textbook Rental Services, "wants the cap

(removed) and the 4 percent increase because that's the only way he can get out of the red."

The senate will vote to allocate \$400 from next year's budget to print about 4,000 new shuttle bus schedules.

Senate members will also vote on a plan to punish inappropriate student actions at next year's Homecoming Parade.

The proposed solutions are in compliance with Eastern's Student Code of Conduct, External Relations Chair Kyle Donash said.

The code outlines behavior guidelines to be followed by individuals and organizations at school sponsored events, Donash said.

If passed, the Homecoming proposal will be sent to Shirley Stewart, acting vice president for student affairs, Donash said.

The senate will also vote on a proposal that the university purchase coffee exclusively from Fair Trade-certified companies.

The 16 Student Senate members elected last week will take their seats as a group for the first time at the meeting.

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

Fundraiser to feature backyard wrestling

By Christopher Hightower
STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, senior finance major Larry Ward was left to mourn the death of his friend and roommate, Dan Doyle, both members of Delta Tau Delta.

Now Ward and his fellow fraternity brothers look to pay tribute to Mr. Doyle and his life by holding a backyard wrestling event Wednesday.

The show will have a \$3 charge at the door and proceeds will go toward buying a memorial for Mr. Doyle.

The wrestling will be performed by the Federation of

United Wrestlers, an underground wrestling group. This will be the group's second show of the school year for the fraternity.

Ward said the show is something fun, but the important thing is making the memorial a reality.

Although there will be a charge at the door, donations are welcome. Ward said he wants the memorial so Mr. Doyle, who committed suicide, will not be forgotten.

"He was an amazing person and he had more potential than anyone I have ever known. His smile could light up a room and he is truly missed," Ward said.

The event is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at 1707 Ninth Street.

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Alice Phillips speaks Tuesday night in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Phillips and Loretta Durbin, wife of state Sen. Dick Durbin, spoke about the life of being a lobbyist.

Lobbyists inform on their jobs

By Kevin Micks
STAFF WRITER

A couple "fat cats" were loose in a room of more than 40 people Tuesday.

Loretta Durbin, wife of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), and Alice Phillips, nicknamed "fat cats" for their roles as lobbyists, presented a discussion about their jobs.

"When most people think of a lobbyist, they think of something negative," Phillips said. "They think of a surly guy, with a top hat and a cigar, not a gray-haired grandmother like me."

Durbin and Phillips have been lobbying a number of causes for Eastern during the past five years, but lately the focus has been on the budget, Durbin said.

"Students should be very concerned," she said. "We're gonna be cut this year."

Eastern is facing a loss of \$1.4 million for this fiscal year and more than \$4 million for Fiscal Year 2004.

There are a number of different ways to persuade legislators to support a cause, Durbin said.

"You can beg and grovel, but you can't be arrogant," Durbin said. "We have a responsibility to be honest to our clients and to the legislators."

Negotiation is another way of persuading legislators, she said.

"Even if you don't get exactly what you want, you will almost always get further along than you were before," Durbin said.

Because there were between 5,000 and 6,000 different pieces of

legislation this year, Durbin said legislators cannot possibly know everything about each one. Thus, lobbyists can influence legislators by filling them in on certain pieces of legislation.

"Relationships are everything," Durbin said.

That doesn't mean you have to wine and dine with them, but it is good to become friends with the legislators, she said.

However, if lobbyists do socialize with the legislators they must report how much they spend on them, even if it's a cup of coffee, she said.

Durbin and Phillips encouraged all students to become lobbyists by writing to their legislators and telling them how the budget cuts will affect their education at Eastern.

POLICE BLOTTER

Driving under the influence

Joseph C. Cruz, 21, was arrested at 1:23 a.m. April 19 at 10th Street and Johnson Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence, police reports stated.

Telephone harassment

An Eastern student was receiving harassing telephone calls April 23, a police report stated. The incidents are under investigation.

Criminal damage to state supported property

A window was broken Thursday at Eastern's Steam Plant on

Seventh Street, a police report stated. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal damage to property

A 1989 Honda was damaged while it was parked in S parking lot Monday, a police report stated. The incident is under investigation.

Theft from a motor vehicle

A CD player and a cell phone were stolen from an unlocked vehicle while it was parked in S parking lot April 18. The incident is under investigation.

Fifty compact discs were stolen from a 1995 Geo Prizm Sunday while it was parked in a Greek Court parking lot, a police report stated.

The incident is under investigation.

Criminal trespass to state supported property

Sermon R. Thomas, 21, of 1409 Ninth St., was arrested at 6:30 a.m. April 18 at Lantz Arena on charges of trespassing, a police report stated.

CLARIFICATION

An article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* failed to attribute the idea of putting insert advertisements in the Times-Courier of Charleston to Executive Vice President-elect Bill Davidson.

The News regrets the error.



Charles Buzzard, along with his wife, talks to a staff member of Booth Library Tuesday afternoon. Buzzard is the son of former University President Robert Buzzard, and was on campus to donate personal documents from his father's collection.

Library receives donations from Robert Buzzard's heir

By Dan Valenziano
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Thirteen bound volumes of "The Buzzard Beacons," along with other personal documents of Eastern's second president, were donated to the archives at Booth Library Tuesday.

Charles Buzzard, the youngest son of Robert Guy Buzzard, president from 1933 to 1956, donated the documents.

Buzzard grew up in Charleston during his father's presidency.

"I have fond memories walking by the old buildings on this campus," Buzzard said. "To see that this campus has expanded to what it is, is just fantastic."

Buzzard recounted the origin of "The Buzzard Beacons."

"Every Sunday evening, he (Robert Buzzard) would sit down at his old loyal typewriter. With his two fingers he would hunt and peck the family letter," Buzzard said.

The letters began to expand to extended family.

"We started calling these 'The Buzzard Beacons.' You would write him what your family was doing or what you were doing, and he would paraphrase this to everyone else in the next 'Beacon.'"

"We all looked forward to receiving that big, thick, 10 to 12-page single-spaced type letter," Buzzard said. "That is what we started saving and that is what I have brought to your library."

Each of the volumes contained about 300 pages, Buzzard said.

Buzzard said he and his ex-wife collected,

"I understand that you're up to about 11,000 students, and that's probably as big as this institution should grow."

—Charles Buzzard

typed up and bound copies of speeches his father delivered, which were also donated.

"We have decided that these things ought to be preserved," Buzzard said with tears in his eyes. "They ought to be preserved here in the institution which (Robert Buzzard) loved."

Buzzard recalled some of the fond memories he had growing up near Eastern, with his father as president.

"It was probably true that our parents knew what we did prior to actually completing anything," Buzzard said.

Buzzard said he was content with the way the university has grown, but he discouraged the attendees from letting the university from getting too large.

"I understand that you're up to about 11,000 students," Buzzard said "and that's probably as big as this institution should grow."

"Then you can still have small classes, with the professors and the students being able to communicate with each other," Buzzard said.

Although the library has documents from many past presidents, library dean Allen Lanham said these were the most personal ever received.

Student vice president for student affairs hopes to improve leadership during 2004

By Niki Jensen
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, wants to implement a Student Leadership Council for the 2004 school year.

Flam will lead the council, which aims to unite and aid Eastern's Recognized Student Organizations through efforts such as publicity, programming, recruitment and funding.

"This is going to be an awesome tool for RSOs," Flam said.

"The first thing we have to do when we get back (in the fall) is to set up a proposal to detail the structure and conditions by which the council will operate," Flam said.

The proposal must be passed by the Student Senate before the council can come to fruition.

"I will work on writing the proposal over the summer," Flam said. "We have so many things that we have to get approved."

"It will be very time consuming and it will take a lot of effort for her to get something like this to pass," said Student Senate member Alecia Robinson.

Though the goal is to receive approval by the first few weeks of fall semester, Flam said the development of the council is



Lisa Flam
"There's going to be a lot of kinks we'll have to work out."

still in the planning stage.

The council will be divided into four or five subcommittees to be headed by corresponding vice presidents, Flam said.

The committee vice presidents will work closely with the RSOs to facilitate communication, coordinate programs and provide a unifying link, Flam said.

If the council is approved next fall, Flam said she hopes to fill the vice president spots before the spring semester.

"There's going to be a lot of kinks we'll have to work out," she said.

Though next year will be a learning process, Flam remains optimistic.

"I'm really, really excited," she said.

Flam's many accomplishments on the Student Senate indicate she will do a good job with the position, Robinson said.

"Lisa has done well with Unity Week and other projects and I know she will give (this project) her all," she said.

Flam also wants to create an online RSO database to include information about each organization as well as contact phone numbers.

No such database currently exists, she said.

The most difficult part of the project will be "contacting the student organizations and getting their current info," she said.

Flam has not yet contacted the technology department about the technical aspects of creating a database, but she plans to do so next semester.

In addition to organizing the Student Leadership Council and creating a RSO database, Flam wants to continue her efforts with Unity Week.

Flam created Unity Week this year as a way to celebrate the differences that exist among Eastern students, she said.

The event was held last month and included student-led unity discussions, motivational speakers and comedic performances.

"Each year that we do it, more students will be aware of it," Flam said.

Faculty Senate elections complete

By Lauren Moore
STAFF WRITER

Three Faculty Senate officers were elected for the 2003-2004 year at Tuesday's meeting to the positions of chair, senate vice-chair and recorder.

For next year, English professor David Carpenter will be the chair, associate chemistry professor Barbara Lawrence will be vice-chair, and foreign languages professor Luis Clay-Mendez will be recorder.

Carpenter, who previously served as chair in the 1990-91 and 1991-92 school years, received 14 votes and was the only person nominated for the position.

For the vice-chair position, Lawrence received six votes, associate psychology professor Steve Scher received five votes, School of Technology professor Mori Toosi received two votes and one vote was abstained.

In the position of recorder, Clay-Mendez was the only one nominated and received 14 votes.

Previously, Anne Zahlan served as chair, Doug Brandt as vice-chair and Carpenter as recorder.

The chair conducts the senate meetings. As chair, Zahlan had several jobs in the campus community.

"Some of the responsibilities that the senate chair has is preparing the agenda, inviting people to come speak and planning events," Zahlan said.

She also said the chair is responsible for making sure the meetings take place and speaking with the Board of Trustees about new issues the senate discusses.

The vice-chair will take the chair's responsibilities if the chair is unable to attend meetings or events.

The recorder takes minutes and roll call. In addition, the recorder is responsible for taking down the number of votes to pass an action.

Zahlan is satisfied with the senate's accomplishments this past year.

"It was very enjoyable," Zahlan said. "I was able to meet people all around campus and learn about the issues of college life."

"It was a very productive year and we made a lot of changes that we were happy about."

One of those changes was the Honors Program being renamed as the Honors College.

The last Faculty Senate meeting this year will be at 2:45 p.m. May 8 in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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EDITORIAL

Feeling the heat in class

It's about doing more with less.

Eastern expects to lose \$1.4 million this year and over \$4 million from next year's fiscal budget.

Up against those numbers, there have been steps toward cutting summer school classes with low enrollment.

The university also plans to run air conditioning fewer Friday afternoons and over the weekends, saving \$50,000 alone the first half of this summer.

The administration has said over and over that changes made because of the budget will be made with the best interests of students and employees in mind.

No one wants to sit in a hot classroom.

Not every academic building will go without air. If students have a class on Friday afternoons, the university plans to move it to a cooled building.

The only sacred buildings are Booth Library, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and places housing animals or lab chemicals.

Books must also stay cool and summer events are held a lot in the union. All other buildings could lose their cool.

No matter how good it sounds, no system is perfect.

The heat was accidentally left on in Coleman Hall this weekend with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees.

Assistant English professor Robin Murray has her office in Coleman.

She has an exercise-induced allergy and can break out in hives when it gets too hot.

Murray will teach summer classes in a computer lab. The labs will be air conditioned, but she is worried students will have to sit through temperatures in Coleman Hall that were still high Monday after the heat was left on.

If air conditioning is lowered in Coleman this summer and, come Monday morning, Murray doesn't expect the temperature to be below 90 degrees.

Less air conditioning brings health concerns. Dehydration is a danger. Pregnant students will be more at risk.

The university could reduce administrative salaries and ask private donors to contribute to the budget pains.

Eastern is not alone. Higher education is facing \$112 million less next fiscal year. The state has a \$5 billion deficit.

It is better to sweat in a classroom than not have a class to go to.

The entire summer curriculum could be in danger in the future. There are hotter times ahead.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Jeans Day not controversial



Maurice Tracy

Guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

Tracy also is a junior political science major.

He can be reached at 581-2083

Although Jeans Day was a simple means to show support, some took offense to the use of such a common article of clothing used as that kind of symbol. For the few who complained, their arguments often showed their ignorance of the issue and a misunderstanding of the intention of Jeans Day.

One such individual voicing concern was Paul McAdamis.

Sadly, Mr. McAdamis did not raise any original comments about "Jeans Day." Not even his remarks, which were supposed to pass for degrading, were original. His comments only further showed his ignorance, as he used a cliché stereotype with the purpose to offend, not help, and he managed to compare Pride to a terrorist organization.

Mr. McAdamis did not need to give thanks to God for his not wearing jeans on Wednesday, and I am sure if he had worn jeans on Wednesday he would have gone home and changed. Maybe he should thank God for saving him a walk home if he had worn them.

I must also compliment Mr. McAdamis for comparing Pride to a terrorist group because as anyone on this campus knows, Pride has sooooo much in common with

"Jeans Day was for people to show their pride and support."

terrorists. Yep, the local terrorist group and Pride get together every Thursday night after "Will and Grace" to discuss the latest sale at Abercrombie & Fitch and the last episode of "Queer as Folk" as we dish on the latest Madonna CD.

I wonder if the local NAACP chapter would be compared to a terrorist group if it asked people to wear jeans to show support for affirmative action. Perhaps people would thank God if they did not wear jeans on that day.

Jeans Day was for people to show their pride and support. By choosing a piece of clothing as common as jeans, people who support GLBT issues and rights can see there are people out there, like Mr. McAdamis, who do not support gay rights. We can see the progress we have made and how far we still have to go.

The purpose of Jeans Day was not for everyone to look around to see who on this campus is a homosexual. The fliers did not read

"wear jeans if you are gay," rather, they stated "wear jeans to show support."

Another reason for using jeans, as opposed to a rainbow pin, is convenience. Not everyone owns a rainbow pin or a pink triangle. And contrary to Mr. McAdamis' belief, not all homosexuals have outfits of leather bondage to wear around campus. Perhaps if Pride decides to have another day next year to show support for GLBT issues, we will try and accommodate Mr. McAdamis' request not to use jeans and use Abercrombie and Fitch clothing or something from the GAP or perhaps an Old Navy shirt.

Then again, Mr. McAdamis *did* have a great idea; we could just use white T-shirts. Maybe his letter had some merit after all.

It is well within Mr. McAdamis' rights to complain about our "cornering the market on jeans," but it is also well within our rights to do just that.

So while Mr. McAdamis is on his knees praying again to the Lord next year, thanking him for not making the "mistake" of wearing jeans on Jeans Day, my friends and I, and those who support gay rights and the "cause," will be wearing our hottest pair of jeans.

Cartoon by Ben Erwin

Eastern students some time in July....



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cox sensationalized noble profession

This letter is in response to "From Panther to pornstar" in the Friday April 18 issue of *The Verge*.

As a faculty person and supervisor of middle level teacher candidates in the area schools, I have observed students as they arrive at Eastern—newly graduated high school students. They progress through the EIU teacher education program and exit as some of the best teachers.

Three such candidates were examples of the highest level of excellence I have seen since I arrived in 1994.

One former student is a young man who invites me to watch as he teaches seventh graders this semester. The lesson of the day is dissecting frogs! He works closely with his supervising teacher, gives well-planned directions to students and shows highly developed content knowledge

as he assumes responsibility for this special lesson. He has stayed several extra class periods to prepare and his exemplary professionalism and sense of dedication are paying off. The students are motivated, actively engaged and excited about learning!

For educator number two, mathematics is her field of expertise, and I can sense immediately when I enter the room that she is going to be one of the most highly sought after new teachers when she leaves Eastern. She is organized, plans well and works with all students individually when any has a problem or doesn't "get it." She is knowledgeable, firm yet patient and she shows humor and understanding. She will be a fireball if someone is looking for a superior teacher!

For teacher number three, studying the U.S. presidents is the unit of the week. This

young man has worked hours and hours to ready himself for a computer presentation to the students. Unusual information about each president, pictures he has imported from the Internet, textual notes which are perfectly written all create a highly interesting lesson are presented as the middle-level students are writing furiously and adamantly trying to get all the knowledge into their notes.

Though open discussion is encouraged and prevalent, there is an air of quietness and sobriety in the class as they listen attentively to this young man present his lesson.

How exciting to be at Eastern and be a part of the

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We all make choices in our lives. These three students have chosen to be our FUTURE. They will make a difference in our country.

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*Dr. Gail Lockart,
Early childhood development
and middle level education
professor*

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Weller Hall is the most recent residence hall in the Triad, built in 1958.



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McKinney Hall is still around, even though it was originally built to be a temporary residence hall in 1957.

Students find comfort in a temporarily permanent situation

◆ *Weller still stands today despite original 1957 plans*

By Kristin Hauge
STAFF WRITER

University president Robert Buzzard was unhappy to hear three buildings were to be temporarily built over his iris beds in 1957.

All three still stand today, making up the Triad, and students describe Weller Hall as a little community.

Weller was the last building of the three to open.

Upon completion, Weller remained closed because surveys indicated there was not enough interest from students to live there.

Now housing up to 150 students, Weller is one of five co-ed residence halls, but does not have air conditioning.

Aaron Switalski, a senior environmental biology major, has lived in Weller for two semesters. He said that he uses fans to combat the heat.

He likes the residence hall because, "it's in the middle of everything."

"It's like a little community," Switalski said. "The Triad and the computer lab's right here."

Switalski was a Resident Assistant last summer during inter-session and said it was fun and relaxing. Because Weller only houses about 40 people on each floor, it was easy to get to know the residents.

"It was pretty laid back because I knew all the guys," he said.

Weller hall was named after Annie L. Weller. She was head of the geography department and taught at Eastern for 37 years.

Weller began teaching at Eastern in 1903 and retired in 1940.

Robin Dancey, a senior art history major, also described Weller as a community.

"There's a good sense of community because it's a smaller building and a smaller dorm," she said. "Everyone knows everyone and everyone hangs out."

Dancey also finds convenience in having the library and the Gregg Triad Computer Lab so close to her room.

Weller was meant to house only women.

Male students live in the west wing and female students live in the east wing.

◆ *Although students find humor in the past they enjoy life at Ford and McKinney*

By Dan Valenziano
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

In 1957, Ford and McKinney Halls were built as temporary housing – they still stand today.

Both halls are part of the Triad complex, which also includes Weller hall.

Megan Baxter, a graduate student studying college student affairs, is the Resident Director for McKinney.

Baxter said she enjoys living in the hall.

"I lived here as an undergrad and I came back as a director," she said. "Obviously I like it."

Most of the residents of the halls shared Baxter's views.

"Everyone here is extremely friendly," said Paula Schomaker, a sophomore biology major and resident of McKinney. "People are respectful of everyone else."

"I think excellent location is a big factor," Baxter said.

The Triad is located in the center of campus, between Booth Library and Fourth Street.

Ford resident Patrice Janson, a senior industrial technology major,

also sings the praises of the residence halls.

"I've lived here all four years," Janson said. "There's really not much to dislike."

Ford and McKinney have individual air conditioning units in each room, although the power to the individual units is not yet turned on, Janson said.

The two residence halls offer triple, double and single rooms. Both are smoke-free facilities.

Both facilities are able to accommodate about 150 students. Baxter said there are about 120 students currently living in McKinney.

Although they are similar in appearance and layout, the two buildings have few differences.

Ford is the only building in the Triad that houses disabled students. It has special rooms to accommodate students in wheelchairs.

McKinney houses the office for the entire Triad.

Baxter said McKinney, despite its visitation policy, remains fairly quiet most of the time.

McKinney has historically been known as "the Honors dorm," but

not all students who live there are in the Honors Program. Because of the dramatically larger enrollment numbers, approximately 50 percent of Ford Hall residents are freshmen or are in the honors program.

McKinney will not house many freshmen next year, Baxter said.

"We have a very small number of freshmen living here next year," she said. "We accept on-campus transfers first, rather than freshmen."

Brett Griffin, a junior psychology major, likes living in Ford for a different reason than most.

"Some people don't even know it's a dorm," he said. "So we don't really get bothered."

Although the Triad was constructed with the intention of being temporary housing, students seemed to enjoy living there. So the university adapted the buildings to be permanent housing.

Some of the students joke about the buildings' origin, but most seem to enjoy living there.

"This place just rocks," Williams said.



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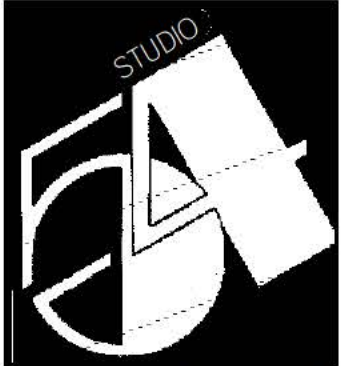
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Go fish!

Pat Bower, an eighth grader at Charleston Middle School, fishes with his brother Kenny, a fifth grader at Jefferson Elementary School Tuesday afternoon at the campus pond. The two had reeled in a few sunfish.

Coles County property re-assessed

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Coles County's property assessment multiplier has been set by the state at 1.0000, a number called the "multiplier," used to achieve uniform property assessments across counties.

The number sets assessments at one-third the market value.

In 1975, Illinois set the one-third market value. Coles County's ratio is 33.63 percent of market value.

The equalization factor multiplier, or property assessment equalization factor, is set to ensure all counties are assigning appropriate property taxes and they are equal throughout the state.

The Illinois Department of Revenue compares the sales price at market sales and each

sale is used to calculate the assessment ratio, said Mike Clemens, public information officer for the department.

"It's gotten very close to one-third of market value, therefore the multiplier is set at one," Clemens said.

The 1999 multiplier was 1.0422, the 2000 multiplier was 1.0527 and the 2001 multiplier was 0.9760, said Jeane Tipsword, Coles County supervisor of assessments.

"It is ideal to have it at least at one," she said.

Since many local tax districts overlap in counties, an equalization factor must be set to keep balance with what taxpayers must pay in comparable areas.

"Let's say a school district crossed a county line and we did not equalize, one side could pick 16.67 and the other could

pick 33.33 and the property is worth \$60,000, then the first would be only paying \$10,000 and the second would pay \$20,000 for equal property," Clemens said. "A multiplier of two would have to be used for the first side."

Every year the Department of Revenue determines multipliers for each district in the state, he said.

The state department checks the work done by county assessors and establishes the multiplier.

Beginning in 1999, Coles county hired an outside company to reappraise the entire county under county board orders, Tipsword said. The reappraisal was complete in 2001, bringing the assessments back near where they should be.

"Our job is to make it stay that way," she said.

Six-and-a-half inches of sidewalk absorbs 90 minutes of time

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

It took approximately 90 minutes for council members and city residents to debate over 6.5 inches of sidewalk.

Several years ago, the city began working on plans to repair the courthouse sidewalks. Since the courthouse area is county-owned, the sidewalk project left the city's hands, Mayor Dan Coughill said.

The original sidewalk plan included improving lighting around the square with period light posts, improving electricity outlets to assist vendors in festivals, repairing and replacing the sidewalk and retaining wall, rebuilding the retaining wall with "allen blocks," inserting 12 extra parking spaces and inserting alcoves and benches on every side of the square.

Dan Kelly, owner of Kelly's Trophies on the square, emphasized the importance of adding the 12 parking spaces to the square area.

"It is an opportunity to serve

12 more customers," Kelly said.

The alcoves and benches were taken from the plan as well as the "allen block" retaining wall. The wall's height would have to vary because of different heights around the square, Coughill said.

Coughill said adjusting the sidewalks to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act was the most important mission of the project.

"I have made a commitment that anything we do will be ADA compliant. I made this commitment eight years ago," Coughill said. "I will not support a less-than-60-inch sidewalk."

The Historic Preservation Advisory Council to the Coles County Planning Board and concerned citizens voiced concerns about moving the retaining wall into the courthouse lawn and losing aesthetic integrity.

"I plead for the green not to be touched," said local resident Tanya Wood.

Council member Larry Rennels said the effect on the green area would not be as dramatic as citizens contend.

"I think if the wall were moved back that distance you wouldn't even know it when it was done."

—Larry Rennels

"I think if the wall were moved back that distance you wouldn't even know it when it was done," Rennels said.

City council members Lorelei Sims and advisory council members searched for a resolution to meet ADA requirements without losing the "green space."

A proposal to redesign sidewalks according to an ADA clause was mentioned by Sims, saying ADA requirements show that as long as there is a passing area of 60 inches in width within every 200 feet of sidewalk, the sidewalk is compliant.

"This is an interpretation of

what we can do," Sims said. "The proposition I have come up with is a combination of everything."

This proposition involved reducing the curb by 2 inches, making the sidewalk 49.5 inches wide. A change in the retaining wall would make the sidewalk 53.5 inches.

"It is a matter of interpretation as you mention it and we are not complying," Coughill said, mentioning that the Attorney General ruling lists 60 inches as the requirement and if it is not met, can demand rebuilding.

Sims proposed submitting a certificate of equivalency accepting her 53.5 inch sidewalk proposal.

The certificate would "assure us we wouldn't have the state's attorney general come down here and have us tear it out," she said.

City Attorney Brian Bower said the county would have to apply for the certificate of equivalency because it is county property.

"I have no knowledge they would (apply), and no reason to

say they would not," he said.

Compliance to ADA requirements is a necessary part of the project, Rennels said.

He mentioned that life with a disabled son is tough and that without the benefits of ADA it would be "practically impossible"

Rennels said instead of "looking for ADA loopholes and ways around" the requirements, the sidewalk needs to be made accessible for two wheelchairs to pass.

"I believe we should meet the intentions of the ADA and I believe it is 60 inches," he said.

The most-accepted proposal from Tuesday's meeting was to submit the 53.5 inch sidewalks proposal for the certificate of equivalency, which would delay progress on the sidewalks, rather than going forward with the 60-inch sidewalk plan.

"This is a travesty," Coughill said.

The sidewalk proposal will be addressed once more at the next city council meeting held 7:30 next Tuesday night at City Hall.

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Top Iraqi prisoners deny Saddam had WMDs

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-ranking Iraqi prisoners are uniformly denying Saddam Hussein's government had any weapons of mass destruction before the war, U.S. officials familiar with their interrogations said Tuesday.

The officials said they believe many of the prisoners are lying to protect themselves.

Still, the denials are hampering U.S. forces' search for evidence of alleged chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs in Iraq, as the prisoners are not providing locations or other details interrogators are seeking.

By denying Iraq had weapons, the prisoners may be trying to distance themselves from Saddam's rule, one official said.

American officials stand by their belief that Iraq possessed prohibited weapons and the means to make more, although none have turned up since the war started on March 19.

The Bush administration has cited intelligence pointing to prohibited Iraqi weapons programs as a justification for war.

Officials now say the weapons are either well hidden or were destroyed in the run-up to the war. There is no firm evidence they were moved to other countries, they say.

Saddam's government denied having any unconventional weapons until the end, saying it had destroyed them years before.

Fears that Saddam's military would use chemical weapons on the battlefield went unrealized, and U.S. officials have not reported any evidence that his military units were equipped with those weapons.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, under questioning before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday, predicted prisoners would yet help U.S. forces find the alleged weapons.

"They will be found," he said.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz is among the Iraqis in custody who says his government had no prohibited weapons, officials said. So is Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, Saddam's alleged point man on chemical and biological agents.

One unidentified scientist cooperating with American interrogators has contended the government destroyed its weapons in the run-up to the war. But his information has not been verified, officials said.

Around Iraq, American forces are finding suspicious chemicals and other possible signs of weapons programs, but nothing conclusive, officials said. So far, thorough testing has not verified any of the chemicals are weapons.

Other signs include burned documents and other evidence of an attempt to destroy evidence, officials said.

After coming up empty, military officials have largely abandoned

earlier methods of searching only suspected weapons sites that were noted before the war. Now, defense officials say they are primarily going where Iraqis point them.

Spurning the proposed re-entry of U.N. weapons inspectors, the Bush administration is sending 1,000 experts to join the 200 already searching in Iraq for evidence of weapons programs.

U.S. Central Command, the military authority in Iraq, has confirmed 14 of its 55 most-wanted Iraqi leaders are in custody, including Aziz, al-Saadi and several other key officials, including several alleged weapons scientists.

The latest capture, which took place on Monday, was Amer Mohammed Rashid, Iraq's oil minister and a top missile expert.

Another recent catch, Farouk Hijazi, is an alleged link between the Iraqi government and al-Qaida. But he has denied reports that he traveled to Afghanistan in late

1998 and met with Osama bin Laden, officials familiar with his interrogation said.

Hijazi, Iraq's ambassador to Tunisia and a former senior official in Iraqi intelligence, acknowledged meeting with al-Qaida operatives in 1994 in Sudan, but said the Iraqi government established no ties with bin Laden's network.

Alleged Iraqi ties to terrorism was another of the Bush administration's justifications for the war.

U.S. forces near Baghdad have also captured an alleged midlevel operative working for Abu Musab Zarqawi, a senior associate of bin Laden, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Tuesday.

The at-large Zarqawi has been linked to the death of an American diplomat in Jordan last year. He was in Baghdad for medical treatment in 2002 and represents one of the Bush administration's links between al-Qaida and Saddam's regime.

WHO lifts SARS travel warning on Toronto

GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization lifted its warning against nonessential travel to Toronto because of SARS on Tuesday, but in Asia the disease continued its spread as Hong Kong reported 12 new deaths, China nine and Singapore one.

The global death toll from SARS climbed to at least 355, with more than 5,300 infections in more than 20 countries, including probable cases reported for the first time in South Korea, Mongolia and New Zealand.

Travel warnings still stand for Hong Kong, Beijing and two Chinese provinces, as China's premier admitted his government failed to act quickly against the disease.

In return for the WHO's decision, the Canadian government promised to do more to prevent the spread of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, by screen-

ing passengers leaving the country.

World Health Organization Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland said the advisory was lifted because there had been no new outbreaks in the community at large for 20 days. She stressed that Toronto is still an "affected area" and travel guidance would be reevaluated if there are any new cases.

The decision to lift the advisory takes effect Wednesday. Canadian officials were delighted.

"Our city is safe and I want everyone to come and experience all that Toronto has to offer," Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman said.

Tony Clement, health minister for Ontario province, and his delegation met Brundtland for an hour earlier Tuesday in Geneva. They said Canadian authorities would introduce new screening measures on people leaving the country.

U.S. forces return fire at Iraq protest

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. paratroopers fired on anti-American protesters during a nighttime demonstration, and a hospital reported Tuesday that 13 Iraqis were killed and 75 wounded, including three young boys. Soldiers said armed men had mixed into the crowd and fired at them from nearby buildings.

The deaths outside a school in Fallujah, a conservative Sunni Muslim city and Baath Party stronghold 30 miles west of the capital, highlighted the tense and precarious balance as Americans try to keep the peace in Iraq.

Americans and Iraqis gave sharply differing accounts of Monday night's shooting. U.S. forces insisted they opened fire only upon armed men — infiltrators among the protest crowd, according to Col. Arnold Bray, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 325 Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division,

whose troops were involved in the shooting.

"Which school kids carry AK-47s?" Bray asked. "I'm 100 percent certain the persons we shot at were armed."

Protesters insisted their demonstration was unarmed and peaceful.

Dr. Ahmed Ghandim al-Ali, director of Fallujah's general hospital, said the clash killed 13 Iraqis and injured about 75. The dead included three boys ages 8 to 10, he said.

Some residents put the death toll higher, at 15. Survivors said the dead were buried quickly Tuesday morning, in accord with Islamic custom.

No Americans were injured.

The shooting was the third reported fatal clash involving U.S. troops and Iraqi protesters in two weeks, underscoring the problems soldiers face as they try to switch from fighting to peace-keeping.

On April 15 and 16, Marines

opened fire during angry demonstrations in the northern city of Mosul. Iraqis said 17 people were killed there, though details remained unclear and the Marines insisted they fired in self-defense.

The shootings, widely reported by Arab news media, have fueled resentment of the U.S. military weeks after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime.

U.S. forces serving in the area said they have been trained in crowd control. About half the company headquartered at the school in Fallujah served in Kosovo peacekeeping operations, 2nd Lt. Devin Woods said.

It was unclear whether the protest that sparked the shootings grew from general animosity toward Americans in Fallujah, a city long considered a stronghold of Saddam support and site of factories suspected of involvement in banned weapons programs.

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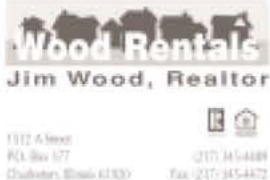
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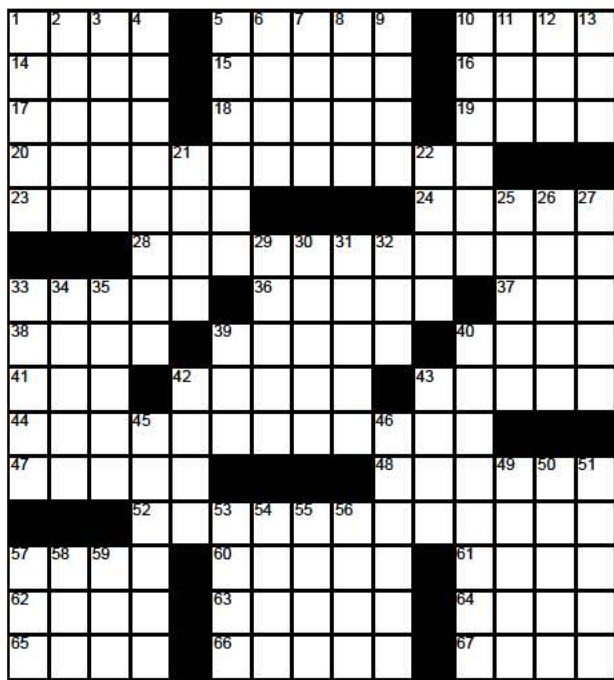
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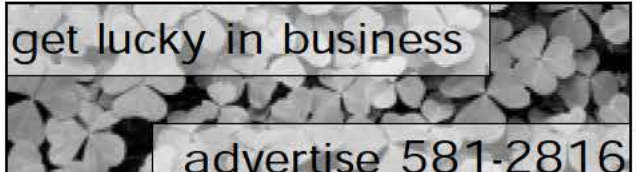
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GOLF

Favorites jump to early lead at OVC Tourney

By Matthew Stevens
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The favorites flexed their muscles on day one of the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference championship as the Murray State women and the Austin Peay men both took a commanding lead.

The Racers jumped out to a 15-stroke lead with 36 holes left to play. Murray State was able to use four scores inside the Top 13 individually. The Racers are being chased by Eastern Kentucky, followed by a tie for third between Eastern and Austin Peay.

The Panther women's team is only four strokes behind the second-place Colonels and has three players in the Top 17 individually.

The race for the women's individual medley is top-heavy as seven players are within five strokes of the lead. Murray State dominates the leader board as senior Stephanie Baskey opened up the tournament with a leading 4-over-par 76. However, Baskey is tied for the lead with Eastern sophomore Dale Morris. Going into the second day, Morris, the youngest Panther player, has put herself in a good situation.

The other Panther scores were Tyra Frederick posting an 82, Amanda Minchin shooting an 86 and Kristin Hoff and Brooke Pellock's 91.

The men's tournament is not as wrapped up as Austin Peay stands five shots ahead of Eastern Kentucky. The standings continue with Tennessee-Martin in third followed by Murray State, Eastern, and a tie for sixth between Tennessee State and Morehead State.

Individual leader Matt Gallant, who posted a 3-under-par round of 69, is leading the Governors.

Gallant has two strokes on the rest of the field as a pair of Colonels, Brandon Brown and Patrick Williams, are tied for second place with scores of 71.

Eastern has three players in the Top 19 with sophomore Ryan Lambert leading the way with a 75, a score good enough to tie for tenth place. Junior Kyle Awerkamp shot a 76 and junior Kyle Maxwell put up a 77.

The most disappointing score for the Panthers has to be Dave Rella's. The Eastern senior opened up his last collegiate tournament with a 7-over-par 79, which places the Canadian native in 27th place and 10 strokes behind the leader.

Budget:

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look at it and they were expecting about \$400,000 more in donations than they received — problem solved. And really that's the key here, we don't want to be a drain on the university."

Eastern's athletic department carries a balanced budget.

McDuffie takes several measures to determine which sport receives how much money.

McDuffie said most of the budget hierarchy hashes out through history. Each sport receives money on a level it has in previous years. McDuffie talks with coaches and trainers on a regular basis to determine a need for equipment.

McDuffie discusses the budget several times with associate and assistant directors of athletics Deborah Polca, Rodger Jehlicka and John Smith. Polca handles the bulk of the women's sports, Jehlicka looks at the men's and Smith breaks down the football budget.

The budget for fiscal year 2004 hasn't been finalized yet because the state hasn't determine how much money Eastern will receive next year.

"That's the thing that's a real booger this year is that we don't have the budget yet," McDuffie said. "We have some idea, but we don't know for sure and we don't know where we might have to make cuts yet."

What Eastern's competition budgets for each sport also plays a factor. Panther teams in the Ohio Valley Conference would also receive larger operating budgets.

"It's unfortunate that not all our sports are in the OVC, but we want to be competitive there," McDuffie said. "To do that, you have to spend the money in your conference sports."

From pinks to special projects

The budget allocates money for the Pink Panthers, officiating, academic enrichment, home management, or maintenance, guarantees, promotions and brochures, postseason, equipment purchases, training programs, sports information, capital projects debt and special projects.

The special projects fund is the athletic department's largest. The fund includes money for special events such as the men's basketball team's trip to the Preseason NIT. The money is used and

replenished throughout the year as needed.

Academic enrichment provides academic counseling for student-athletes and is funded by Eastern's share of money from the CBS television deal to cover the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The budget must check out in terms of gender equity. Under the agreement reached in 1998 with the campus civil rights department, Eastern must fund men's and women's sports on a 60-40 basis. Sixty percent of Eastern's 500 athletes are male and therefore, women's sports must receive at least 40 percent of the total funding. Scholarship dollars are determined a similar way.

Coaches' salaries are set up loosely to the 60-40 rule, an area McDuffie said he'd like to increase.

Assistant coaches make a base salary of \$15,000. Many head coaches don't rank much higher and several make under \$30,000, something McDuffie said he'd also like to change.

"When I got here, we had the baseball coach on a nine-month contract, which meant he couldn't recruit during the summer months," McDuffie said. "He had only one assistant coach and no graduate assistant with only seven or eight scholarships, and he they still won the OVC championship."

McDuffie received an 11-percent raise this year on top of the \$109,400 he was budgeted. McDuffie earned \$84,900 in 1998, his first full year as director of athletics. Since then, the athletic administration added three associate athletic directors, Smith, Jehlicka and David Kidwell.

In McDuffie's tenure, the athletic department received three increases in student fees, but few coaches' salaries saw significant increases.

McDuffie said the problem in increasing salaries is it relies on state appropriated money, which totaled \$1.269 million last year of the department's \$3 million-plus budget.

Who pays for it all?

McDuffie said all sports create revenue, but football, as is the case at most schools, draws the most. Money football and basketball teams make goes into a general fund and is distributed among the other sports. McDuffie estimated football brings in \$200,000 and men's and women's basketball each draw \$100,000-\$120,000 in revenue.

While softball doesn't bring much revenue, it leads the rest of the athletic department in fund raising with close to \$20,000 each year.

"The softball team really does a great job there," McDuffie said. "They work so hard at that all year and it shows."

Non-revenue sports must scrimp

Ray Padovan, Panther swim coach, said money has been much tighter in the past than it is now. His team had no scholarships in the mid-1980s.

"We would like to have more, but yes we are functioning," said Padovan, who completed his 37th season at Eastern last winter. "We'd like to replace our travel bags and sweats. Other teams get to do that sort of thing more often, but it's not really a big deal. (McDuffie) is trying to help everybody. We're not the main priority, but we're not getting shut out."

Men's swimming received a \$23,600 operating budget this year, while the women's team received \$25,600.

Football's role

Because the football team plays in a different pool of money, Smith said the budgeting process is tedious.

"We'd like to do more, but Rich has added quite a bit," Smith said. "We weren't balancing our budget for a while but now we are. We're as strong as any I-AA program, that's for sure."

Smith said he couldn't make a valid comparison to the rest of the conference because schools budget differently. For example, many schools use a separate line item for travel, or have the officiating paid for by each sport instead of a separate line item.

While the amount of funding the athletic department receives in the future is uncertain, but McDuffie has definite plans. He said he wants to update the computers in the department, one-third of which are more than five years old.

He wants to increase coaching salaries, add another administrative assistant and spend more money on basketball.

"We're looking into basketball pretty heavily," McDuffie said. "We're looking at what our competition is doing, where they are recruiting and trying to find out if we need to spend more money there to be more successful."

But does more money spent equal more wins?

"It's been my experience that if you want to be successful, you've got to spend the money," McDuffie said.

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BASEBALL

Panthers host non-conference Billikens

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

Eastern faces Saint Louis University 3 p.m. at Coaches' Stadium.

Eastern is coming off a long weekend of conference games where they won two out of their three games against Eastern Kentucky University.

Saint Louis University (14-23) played Tulane University over the weekend. The Billikens won one of three against their conference foes the Green Waves.

The last time Eastern and Saint Louis met, Saint Louis broke a three-game losing streak by defeating Eastern 9-8.

In the game against the Billikens March 25, the Panthers led the Billikens until

senior outfielder Steve Moss rallied Saint Louis back with a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Eastern gained the lead back when senior infielder Aaron Shelbourne hit an RBI single in the top of the seventh.

In the bottom of the seventh senior infielder/pitcher Corey Lawson banded his fifth home run of the season over the left field wall, bringing the score to 8-6.

The Billikens led the game until senior outfielder Kirk Walters hit a RBI single to center tying the game in the top of the ninth.

In the bottom of the ninth, Moss hit a RBI single to end the game and beat the Panthers.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said



Matchup breakdown

Saint Louis University (14-23)	at	Eastern Illinois (21-20)
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WHEN: 3 p.m., Wednesday
WHERE: Coaches' Stadium

Saint Louis hurt them last time they played.

"The home runs put a damper

on us against them; I hope to have a better game here," Schmitz said.

Head coach Bob Hughes said they have always had great battles with Eastern.

"Eastern is very competitive, and it is a great rivalry," Hughes said. "Some of our guys know a couple of guys there, so it sets up for some great competition."

The starting pitcher for Eastern will be freshman pitcher Kirk Miller. Miller said he gets nervous before every game.

"I just go there stay relaxed and loose as long as possible," Miller said.

Hughes said he is 90 percent sure he is going to start senior pitcher Zach Placzek, but said that was subject to change.

Top Cat:
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He went 5-1 with a 2.50 ERA during his senior year, but his time in New Lenox was often overshadowed by former pitchers Carmen Pignatiello (currently pitching for the Daytona Cubs in Class-A ball) and Kris Hone, who was picked 16th overall by the Chicago White Sox in the 2001 draft.

Schmitz believes Pignatiello and Hone may have allowed the Panthers to find themselves a diamond in the rough.

"Yeah, (that could have contributed) but the thing Mike didn't do (while in high school) was top off on the radar gun," Schmitz said. "But he throws three pitches for strikes and we'll take that any day."

Budde started his Panther career by struggling as both a reliever and spot starter, as he was unable to find his niche on the mound. However, after his performance last Sunday, Schmitz is confident Budde is on the right track.

"He's doing well, and I think he has gotten over the hump," Schmitz said. "It's hard to spend time as both a reliever and starter but now he knows he will be counted on as a starter."

Budde also agrees that he is ready to be a big contributor for the team.

"Throughout the whole season, I've improved a lot," Budde said. "At first I was just trying to get the ball over; now I'm able to have command of my pitches."

The only question that remains now is whether or not Budde has improved enough to get out of field work after games.

His quest for the first of three straight no-hitters will begin this weekend when he takes the hill against the second-place Austin Peay in Tennessee.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Pair of Eastern players honored by OVC

By Matt Williams
SPORTS EDITOR

A pair of Eastern infielders were honored as Ohio Valley Conference Players of the Week.

Eastern second baseman Chris Uhle was named OVC Player of the Week for his efforts in the Panthers' four wins in their five games last week.

Infielder Kristin Lovering won the same honor after hitting 8-for-13 on the week with three home runs.

Uhle received his first career OVC award for batting .565 (13-23) for the week while hitting three home runs and three doubles to go with 16 runs scored and seven RBIs. Uhle also con-



Chris Uhle



Kristin Lovering

tributed on the basepath by stealing 3-of-3 bases and also went errorless through the five games.

In three games againsts conference foe Eastern Kentucky, last weekend, Uhle had two doubles and two home runs, driving in five while scoring 11 times.

In the first game, he reached base safely and scored in six of his seven plate appearances. He increased his season-high hitting streak to seven after the last game against Eastern Kentucky.

Uhle now is the team leader in runs scored (48) and doubles (14), is second in hits (51) and is third in batting average (.329).

Eastern coach Jim Schmitz said moving Uhle to the leadoff position earlier in the season provided a solid guy to lead his lineup.

"We have really allowed him to be our catalyst," Schmitz said. "He has been not just a guy who gets on base but he has been able get (them on in many different ways). The team has really been following his lead."

The softball team got exactly what it needed last weekend as the Panthers took two of three from Austin Peay in Ohio Valley Conference action.

Eastern had struggled all season at the plate, but last week Lovering, a junior, exploded with offensive numbers good enough to earn her OVC Player of the Week honors.

Lovering had a double and six RBIs in the week. She only failed to reach base once against Austin Peay, going seven-for-eight.

The 5-foot-7 Germantown, Wis., native currently leads the team in five offensive categories, with a .253 batting average, five doubles, three home runs, 15 runs scored and 15 RBIs.

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SPORTS

Panther sports calendar		
WEDNESDAY	Baseball vs. Saint Louis	3 p.m.
	M/W Golf at OVC Tournament	All day Paducah, Ky.
FRIDAY	Track at OVC Tournament	All day
SATURDAY	Softball at Morehead State (2)	Noon
	Baseball at Austin Peay (2)	2 p.m.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SPENDING

Athletic budget exceeds \$3 million



Rich McDuffie
"Every year the athletic department was taking a half-million dollar deficit and they couldn't figure out why. When I got there, I took a look at it and they were expecting about \$400,000 more in donations than they received - problem solved. And really that's the key here; we don't want to be a drain on the university."

By Nate Bloomquist
SENIOR WRITER

Sophomore cross country runner Stephanie Bone needs a new pair of shoes — five to be exact.

Over the course of the track and cross country seasons, Bone runs through five pairs of shoes and several spikes. Running on old pairs causes injuries, Bone said.

Eastern provides one pair and two sets of spikes and Bone estimated the cost for a pair of shoes at \$100.

Men's and women's cross country and track teams were budgeted \$107,000 collectively, a \$22,000 increase from six years ago.

"We think we're pretty nicely funded," Panther cross country coach John McInerney said. "I hear other coaches from other schools complaining about how bad things are there all the time, so I think we're OK."

Many other schools don't have a line item for cross country and instead use some of the track teams' budget. At Eastern, women's cross country was budgeted \$10,500 while the men received \$9,500. Bone said she sees a long road ahead.

"There are some guys on the cross country team, who work really hard and they're in the top seven, but they don't get any money," Bone said.

Jake Stout, a freshman on the cross country team said he doesn't see any financial problems on his team.

"It's not really a spectator sport," Stout said. "So I don't think a lot of people really care for cross country so it doesn't get much support."

Men's sports operating budgets

Sport	FY 03	FY 02	FY 01	FY 00	FY 99	FY 98
Football	\$214,000	210,400	203,000	195,000	190,000	194,000
Basketball	93,000	95,500	92,100	86,600	84,000	83,000
Baseball	72,750	66,200	60,500	58,100	42,000	34,000
Track	43,500	42,000	41,100	42,300	32,000	40,000
Soccer	30,500	32,500	30,500	35,900	24,800	24,900
Swimming	23,600	22,300	23,500	27,100	15,700	15,700
Golf	17,000	18,500	15,000	13,900	8,000	7,000
Tennis	15,000	15,400	13,700	12,100	9,500	7,000
Cross Country	9,500	9,200	8,800	8,900	7,500	7,200

SOURCE: EASTERN INTERNAL BUDGET

Women's sports operating budgets

Sport	FY 03	FY 02	FY 01	FY 00	FY 99	FY 98
Basketball	\$91,000	88,200	89,400	85,800	83,400	88,200
Softball	59,050	56,500	61,900	58,100	37,000	37,000
Volleyball	47,300	49,300	44,100	47,500	43,000	43,000
Soccer	36,000	37,500	34,000	35,300	33,000	31,200
Rugby	26,100	25,700	21,500	22,000	10,000	0
Swimming	25,600	22,300	23,500	27,100	17,700	16,700
Tennis	18,000	18,400	16,200	14,000	32,000	15,000
Golf	16,000	17,400	14,500	11,400	10,600	10,600
Cross Country	10,500	10,200	9,900	8,400	9,000	9,400

SOURCE: EASTERN INTERNAL BUDGET

Bone has never seen a balance sheet and doesn't care, but she said she could see where more money in the athletic department exists.

"I know that other guys from other sports go out and have steak dinners while we have to eat fast food before a meet," Bone said. "But I understand all that. It's not like we're not able to compete and go to the meets we want to."

Football carries the meat of the budget and revenue from it supplies much of the funding for the rest of the school's 22 sports. Determining how much money each sport receives is a process that begins almost immediately after the last

fiscal year's budget is finished.

"We started on this year's budget back in September and October and we're already looking at next year's budget a little bit, but we can't really plan anything," said Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said.

McDuffie takes pride in budget work. He began his career working at a university with a budget deficit.

"Every year the athletic department was taking a half million dollar deficit and they couldn't figure out why," McDuffie said. "When I got there, I took a

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TOP CAT

"Mike really kept us in the hunt for the OVC race." — head coach Jim Schmitz

Freshman 'pitches' in

♦ Freshman pitcher Mike Budde was not trying to make any friends when he allowed one run against EKV

♦ Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selections are made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.

By Michael Gilbert
SPORTS REPORTER

From the look of things, it was hard to believe Mike Budde had just picked up the Panthers' biggest victory of the season last Sunday against Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky at Coaches' Stadium.

It's not because Budde lacks the talent to shutdown an OVC team — Eastern won the game 11-1 — but rather what transpired after the game.

There was Budde with that valuable right arm wrapped in ice putting a tarp over the visitor's bullpen down the left — field line.

One would think head coach Jim Schmitz could give Budde the day off from field work after a complete game one-run gem against the Colonels. However, you wouldn't hear a complaint from Budde.

"Being the freshman, even if I pitched three no-hitters in a row, I would still be out there," Budde said with a laugh. "But I do typical things for a freshman."

Maybe it's typical for a freshman to perform field work after the game, but to pitch a four-hitter against a team tied for third in the OVC, that's a different story.

"Mike really kept us in the hunt for the OVC race," Schmitz said. "He has progressively gotten better this season."

What made the Lockport native's performance even more amazing, was that his effort came less than 24 hours after the Panthers gave up a combined 27 runs in a doubleheader split with the Colonels Saturday. Although Budde pitched the game of his collegiate career, he thanked the defense and weather as the reason he was able to pick up his first NCAA victory.

"The key was the infield, they turned a lot of double plays for me," Budde said.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman pitcher Mike Budde throws during practice Tuesday. After his one-run complete game performance in an 11-1 win against Eastern Kentucky last Sunday, Budde was reminded he was still a freshman by having to help put a tarp on the field.

While the infield did turn a pair of twin-killers, it was Budde's ability to keep down his pitches that allowed the right-hander to entice Eastern Kentucky shortstop Jonathan Woodard to ground into two 5-4-3 double plays.

Despite Aaron Shelbourne hitting the Panthers' first grand-slam of the season with a shot to center field in the first inning, Budde still claimed it was a pitcher's day.

"Well, the first two games the wind was blowing out and it was more of a hitter's day," Budde said. "With the wind blowing in (for the third game) that had a lot to do with it."

Whether or not the infield defense and wind aided to his victory, Budde did say this

was the biggest game he had ever pitched in. "It was definitely the biggest game I've pitched in because I picked up my first collegiate win," Budde said.

That statement speaks volumes as to the importance of the weekend's games with Eastern Kentucky. Budde is no stranger to competing in a big time atmosphere.

While attending Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Budde often found himself on the hill for Catholic League play-off games and was a two-time First Team All-Chicago Catholic League member and a Second Team All-Area performer for the Celtics.

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OUT OF BOUNDS



Matthew Stevens
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Watch Spoo's 'D'

I wouldn't have believed it unless I saw it with my own eyes, but Panthers' head football coach Bob Spoo was right — the defense is much better.

Yes, that defense. The same defense that looked more like a human sieve because the opposition ran and passed through it like water.

The same Eastern defense that allowed 35 points per game and nearly 2 1/2 miles of offensive production last season has done a complete U-turn from, the road to mediocrity. This unit is now cruising down the road of success.

That's right, if Eastern wishes to be successful next season, the game will not look like a shootout at the O.K. Corral anymore.

The focus of Eastern's spring intersquad game was the quarterback competition, but the Panthers' defense quietly made an impression Friday evening. The Blue and White squads allowed a total of 21 points and forced a total of five turnovers. What makes this performance even more impressive is that it was accomplished without star linebacker and 2002 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year Nick Ricks, who was recuperating from off-season surgery, and the freshmen recruits who will arrive in the fall.

"I'm very pleased about how the defense has taken the bull by the horns," Spoo said.

Eastern fans are going forced to be incredibly patient with an offense that will need game experience to improve.

However, the easiest way to get instant results out of an unproven offensive unit is putting them in a situation to succeed.

How will Spoo and the rest of the staff accomplish this?

Simple; give the offense a short field to work with by creating turnovers. Eastern picked off four passes and got a recovered a fumble late in the spring game which gave Panther fans an indication of what they can expect in 2003.

The fumble recovery was the most important defensive player of the year, not because it allowed the Blue team to win a meaningless scrimmage, but because of the apparent attitude change by the defense.

The play started with the ball on the goal line and was a hand-off to Andre Raymond, Eastern's most reliable offensive player. Raymond uncharacteristically fumbled before crossing the plane and, from looking at defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni, one would think the Panthers won the national championship. It's very possible the defense would've opened up a hole big enough to drive an 18-wheel semi-truck through and turned the fate of the game over to 2002 Walter Payton Award winner Tony Romo and the Panthers' offensive juggernaut.

So, the key to the Panthers' success will be very simple. It doesn't matter if the quarterback is Andy Vincent, Ben King or Justin Duhai. The crucial factor will be their ability to be on the positive side of the 50-yard line because of a big defensive play.