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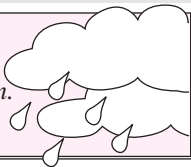
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## Show me the money!

Survey shows that 1997 grads can expect to receive more in gifts than their parents did.

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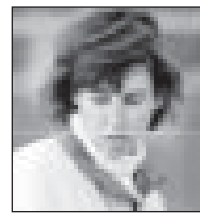
"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## Coach resigns

Head softball coach  
Stephanie Fox to leave

Panthers' dugout, head elsewhere.

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# Staying put

## Jorns misses cut for CSU San Bernardino presidential position

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

Although he was one of just two finalists for the position, Eastern President David Jorns was not selected for the presidential post at California State University at San Bernardino.

Albert Karnig, the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Wyoming, was selected over Jorns to become the school's third president in its 22-year history. The announcement was made May 14.

"I am excited about this new opportunity and delighted with the confidence shown in me by the CSU Board of Trustees," Karnig said in a statement released by CSU San Bernardino. "I look forward to working with

them and other students, faculty and staff as well as with the San Bernardino community."

Although Jorns could not be reached for further comment on his decision to interview elsewhere, Jill Nilsen, special assistant to Jorns, commented on his behalf.

"Dr. Jorns has said publicly that he is pleased to be a part of the Eastern and Charleston communities and is delighted with the positive direction the university is headed," Nilsen said.

In a statement, Eastern Board of Trustees chair Susan Gilpin said she was pleased Jorns was retaining his position on campus.

"Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees is very pleased that President David Jorns will continue to guide Eastern's progress as we move forward to



Eastern President David Jorns acknowledges the crowd at Klehm Hall in April. Jorns was the "celebrity egg dropper" who assisted technology students with an egg-dropping problem solving activity. He recently finished second in a two-man race for the presidency of California State University at San Bernardino.

IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

improve the quality of education we provide to our students," Gilpin said.

Representing the President's Council, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry Weidner also commented on Jorns' continued presidency.

"We are pleased that Dr. Jorns is continuing his career at Eastern and look forward to working with him ... to improve the quality of education we provide to our students," Weidner said.

CSU's search for a new president began in

January when a presidential selection committee was headed up by Trustee Ralph Pesqueira. The committee considered nearly 70 candidates before the list was pared down to Karnig and Jorns.

Karnig had been at Wyoming since 1988, previously serving as associate vice president for academic affairs at Arizona State University. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Augustana (Ill.) College and also a master's and doctorate in political science from the University of Illinois.

# Edgar to speak at Boys State

## Nearly 1,000 expected to attend 62nd annual event

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

Nearly 1,000 high school-age boys have been on Eastern's campus since Saturday, and will remain so throughout the week as they will participate in the 62nd annual Premier Boys State.

Gov. Jim Edgar will speak to the participants at the Wednesday night assembly in Lantz Gym. Edgar will offer advice about the future of the political system and how members of Boys State can be involved.

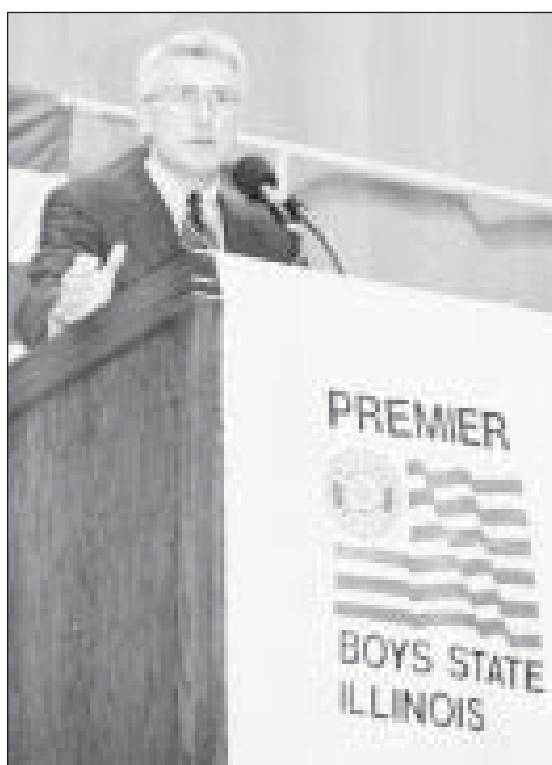
The music for the assemblies will be provided by the Premier Boys State Band.

Premier Boys State is sponsored by the Illinois Department of the American Legion, and is offered to high school students who have completed their junior year.

The conference teaches its participants about city, county and state government by holding elections for various offices and organizing governmental units.

One individual who will speak to the participants will be Eastern Board of Trustee member Tom Johnson.

Johnson, a Rockford attorney, is president of the Boys State Board of Directors and has also



FILE PHOTO

Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, a Charleston native, addresses last year's Boys State class. He will speak to this year's class Wednesday night.

served in previous years as the program director.

He has previously discussed how laws protect the federal judicial system and the rights of each citizen, along with talking on what the attorney's role is to both client and country.

# Long summer days, short campus hours

By MATT ERICKSON  
Managing editor

Although the days during summer are longer and hotter, offices and services on campus cool off their business hours due to the fact fewer students are here to utilize them.

The Martin Luther King University Union at 7 a.m. Monday-Friday and closes at 5 p.m. The Union is closed on weekends, with the exception being The Rathskellar restaurant.

Other Union business hours: the bowling alley is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; The Rathskellar will be open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Check Cashing will be available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Coffee Express does business Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., while Copy Express will be open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The bookstore and Craft Depot both have hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday; the Union McDonald's is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the

Hair Salon will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m.

University Health Service will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Counseling Center will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both services will be closed on weekends.

Textbook Rental Service and the Academic Assistance Center will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both will be closed on weekends.

The Office of Financial Aid will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed weekends.

Booth Library's summer hours will be from Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

The University Police lobby is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is closed on weekends.

And for workout enthusiasts, the Student Recreation Center's summer hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays noon to 8 p.m.

# Spotlight News

## Man gets 62 years for killing dad, eating brain

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) – A man convicted of killing his father and eating part of his brain has been sentenced to 62 years in prison, plus time in a mental hospital.

Joseph Garner, 38, was convicted in March, and found guilty but mentally ill in the murder of Paul T. Garner on Dec. 26, 1995.

On Friday, Marion Superior Court Judge Tanya Walton-Pratt sentenced Garner to the maximum 65 years, but suspended three years and ordered him to serve at least 180 days of the suspended term in a

mental health facility.

Garner's lawyers had argued that the jury's verdict should be overturned because he was insane and could not be held responsible for his actions.

Police say Garner, a diagnosed schizophrenic, stabbed his father about 200 times with a Swiss army knife, dismembered the body and ate part of his brain.

After the slaying, Garner went to a church, where he told a pastor and then police he believed his father was the devil and he killed him to release evil spirits.

## Illinois man sentenced to 5 years for drive-by killing

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) – An Illinois man convicted of involuntary manslaughter for a drive-by shooting has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Terrell Gathright, 20, of Rock Island, received the maximum sentence Friday in Scott County District Court.

Gathright had been charged with first-degree murder in the December shooting of Marcus

Tatum. But a Scott County jury convicted him of the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter last month.

DeShawn Mapp, 19, also was charged with first-degree murder. He pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of conspiracy in exchange for his testimony at Gathright's trial.

Mapp was sentenced last week to two consecutive terms



of 10 years each.

Tatum, 21, was shot in the head outside his Davenport home on Dec. 14, 1996.

## Choice of straight man to lead gay parade stirs debate

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) – For years, photographer Ted Sahl has chronicled the city's gay population. He is even a member of the Santa Clara County Gay Hall of Fame, although he is not gay.

But there is a fierce debate over Sahl's choice as the leader of Sunday's gay pride parade. Supporters say it indicates how far the fight for equality by gays has come, but critics disagree.

In an editorial, OutNOW! publisher and editor Chris Thomas said gays and lesbians welcome support from non-gays. But he said heterosexuals do not pursue a goal of promoting gay pride.

"The many experiences of gay people in America cannot be truly understood by a straight person, no matter how noble their intentions," he wrote.

One newspaper likened Sahl's position to that of a man leading the National Organization for Women or a white person heading the National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People.

However, other gays and lesbians said Sahl's selection as the first straight president of the Gay Pride Celebration Committee is a sign that their fight for equality has evolved.

"There's a lot of stigma in this society attached to straight people working in the gay and lesbian community," said Liz Tracey of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York City. "They're often perceived as being gay themselves."

The 70-year-old Sahl said his interest in gay issues stems from his life as an underdog, one in which he has continually fought for liberal causes.

He has protested at nuclear power plants. He has photographed the struggle of migrant farm workers and the suffering of the homeless. He has painted pictures of Vietnam War protesters slain at Kent State University in 1970.

## Prosecution seeks death for Megan's killer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) – Lawyers for the man convicted of murdering 7-year-old Megan Kanka will try to save his life by portraying him as the troubled product of an abusive childhood.

Jesse Timmendequas was convicted May 30 of luring Megan to his house across the street from hers in Hamilton Township by promising to show her his puppy, then raping, beating and strangling her. A day later, Timmendequas led police to her body in a park.

The jury that convicted Timmendequas returns to court Monday to consider whether he should be put to death.

Death penalty experts say the

defense has an uphill battle in trying to save Timmendequas, 36, a twice-convicted child molester.

"It's a very difficult case because it involves the death of a child, which is an extremely emotional issue," said John L. Call Jr., an attorney who has handled nearly a dozen death penalty trials. "It's going to be very compelling."

The defense case will focus on humanizing Timmendequas by offering testimony about his troubled childhood, during which he was beaten and sodomized by his father and neglected by his mother, whose 10 children were fathered by seven men.

Yet his own family, none of

which attended the trial, doesn't think Timmendequas deserves any consideration because of his past, which they admit was as bad as it has been portrayed.

"They way we were raised and the household we grew up in has nothing to do with what he's done," said his younger brother, Paul.

"I'm proud they found him guilty," Paul told *The Sunday Star-Ledger* of Newark. "Jersey has, what, lethal injection? Give me the needle." If the jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict for execution, Timmendequas would likely spend the rest of his life in prison.

## Edgar defends stance in school funding fight

CARTERVILLE (AP) – Gov. Jim Edgar ventured into the territory of his potential rival for governor, Democrat Glenn Poshard, to answer criticism that he is to blame for the failure of his school funding plan.

The House-approved package died last week when Senate President James "Pate" Philip blocked a floor vote. Pate opposed Edgar's proposal to pay for enhanced education spending with a 25-percent increase in income taxes balanced by a 28-percent property tax cut.

Edgar refused to yield, prompting House Republican Leader Lee Daniels to accuse his party-mate of being inflexible.

"Apparently this governor feels that you have to do what he says or he's going to take his bat and ball and go home," Daniels told *The Daily Herald* of Arlington Heights on Thursday.

Edgar said Friday that Daniels and other lawmakers helped shape the plan. He said the income tax plan was critical to insuring future education revenues, and once again he blamed Senate Republicans for derailing the package.

"We asked several times for an alternative, and we didn't get one. We ran out of time," he said. "I'll listen to any reasonable suggestion. But I want to point out we had several months to work on



Gov. Jim Edgar

this." Rep. David Phelps, D-El-dorado, backed Edgar and said Daniels' accusations were hogwash.

"I was personally present when several alternatives were presented within that framework" (of using increased income taxes to pay for the plan), Phelps said.

Edgar said he remained unconvinced that a special session would be useful unless lawmakers can arrive at a compromise that includes an income tax increase to pay for his \$600 million education package.

Edgar also blasted Poshard, sounding like a candidate for governor even though he has said he will wait until later this summer to announce whether he will seek another term as governor, run for the U.S. Senate or leave politics.

Poshard, a congressman from Marion, has used the bill's failure to flay his potential rival, saying Edgar lacks leadership skills.

Edgar dismissed Poshard's criticism as uninformed posturing.

"My only thought is he's been busy in Washington and he didn't really know what I was doing back here," Edgar said. "I'll excuse him for not knowing what's going on in the state."

## Woman gives birth at prom, leaves baby in trash can

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) – A woman attending her high school prom gave birth in a restroom, left the baby in a trash can and returned to the dance floor with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Chaperones and medics tried to resuscitate the full-term baby but it was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The baby was found Friday night by a maintenance worker who had been told there was blood on the floor of one toilet stall, said Monmouth County prosecutor John Kaye.

The worker found blood splattered on the walls, toilet and floor, and the trash can containing the baby's body was inside the stall.

Autopsy results were to be released Monday, Kaye told the

Asbury Park Press.

"We're treating it as a potential homicide," he said. "In a case like this, the issue tends to be whether this was a stillborn baby or a live birth."

After giving birth, Kaye said, the 19-year-old woman returned to the ballroom at the Garden Manor catering hall, danced with her boyfriend and even requested a song from the band at the prom for Lacey Township High School.

After police identified her as the mother, the woman was taken to Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, Kaye said. The woman, whose name was not released, remained hospitalized Sunday.

Authorities would not say how she was identified as the mother of the 6-pound, 6-ounce, 19-inch baby.

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# 1,200 students walk in ceremonies

By KERRY LIGUE  
Staff writer

The members of Eastern Illinois University's Class of 1997 received their diplomas and flipped their tassels May 10 in the Library Quad.

Approximately 1,675 students, one of the largest graduating classes in Eastern history, were expected to graduate and of those, more than 1,200 students participated in the commencement ceremony.

The Graduate School and College of Arts and Humanities marched at 9 a.m.; the College of Education and Professional Studies and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences at 1 p.m.; and the College of Sciences and School of Adult and Continuing Education at 5 p.m.

Eastern President David Jorns, Student Body President Jason Anselment, Alumni Association President Jim Wilhelm, and Faculty Senate Chairperson Gail Richard addressed graduates at all three ceremonies.



David Jorns

Jorns' commencement speech, which was set in the specially landscaped surroundings in front of Booth Library, focused on Mother Earth. Jorns said our planet is "not only a treasure, but a teacher, a parent and all we have."

Jorns took an environmentalist attitude in his speech, which focused primarily on protecting the environment and not taking it for granted.

"Let me remind you that nature, the state and this university require and expect that you assume the ancient responsibilities of educated men and women," Jorns told the graduating class. "We require that you take responsibility for the acts of your generation. And, we entrust to you the stewardship of the Earth itself and all that dwell upon it."

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-Eastern President David Jorns,  
1997 Commencement

Jorns reminded the Class of 1997 of its already vital role in helping protect what is left of Earth.

"You may feel more responsibility to this planet than any other generation in history," Jorns said. "You adopt highways, you recycle your soft drink cans and you worry about the rain forests, overpopulation and the ozone layer."

He praised the graduates for their concern for the planet and ended his speech by saying, "You are the parents of the future and the Earth is its cradle."

Also at the ceremony, special recognition was given to five Livingston C. Lord Scholarship recipients. This year's recipients were Laura Marie Harm of Centralia, Dan Robert Jecks of East Moline, Stephanie Kirby of Champaign, Jessica Leigh Kilmek of Marion and Heather J. Phillips of Wheeling.

Following Jorns' speech, he recognized Marylin Lisowski as the year's recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. Lisowski, a professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle-Level Education, has dedicated a large portion of her life to opening students' eyes to environmental issues.

Lisowski, the 1996 Environmental Educator of the Year, was not present at the commencement ceremony, but for good cause. She was in remote areas of southern Argentina helping teachers and other concerned community members develop ways to help Argentina's youth learn about environmental protection.

## 'Floss or Die'

### Bad gums linked to heart attacks, premature births

By the Associated Press

Floss this morning? Not exactly? Anybody who's ever been to a dentist has heard it already: Flossing and brushing keep the gums healthy so your teeth don't fall out, etc., etc., etc. But don't stop reading. This story won't bore you with the standard lecture about why flossing is good.

No, the news here is something the hygienist probably didn't say. It turns out more could be at stake than mere teeth. Maybe your heart, for instance.

Scientists are investigating the idea - odd as it sounds - that bad gums create mischief in places far from the mouth. Indeed, they say the bacteria that live around the teeth, or perhaps the body's reaction to them, may even contribute to the diseases that eventually do you in.

At a recent conference on the subject at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Raul Garcia playfully flashed a slide that summed up what many in the audience were probably starting to think: "Gum disease kills," it warned. "Floss or die."

Garcia, a dentist at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in Boston, is the first to admit none of this has been proven. No one can say with certainty that bad gums do anything worse than ruin your teeth. But a strong circumstantial case has started to form.

"It's not an unreasonable hypothesis, although on the surface it appears to be a leap of faith," says Dr. Steven Offenbacher, a dental researcher at the University of North Carolina.

Offenbacher is studying the possibility that gum

disease is a major trigger of premature births. Others are examining theories that it helps clog the arteries and cause heart attacks, or contributes to diabetes.

About three-quarters of adults over age 35 have some degree of periodontal disease, a painless condition that often gives off few warnings except, perhaps, red gums and bleeding when brushing.

Under the surface, however, are pockets of infection that contain, literally, billions of bacteria. If this oozing mess was out where it could be seen, it would be a bone-deep sore the size of the palms of both hands.

In theory, this load of bacteria creates a smoldering, low-grade infection that inflicts its damage slowly over time. The main evidence so far comes from studies that follow large numbers of people to see if those who have bad gums fare differently from those who don't. The studies strongly hint that people with periodontal disease have a higher than usual risk of heart attacks.

Among the most impressive is the VA's Normative Aging Study in Boston, which has followed 1,231 men who were outwardly healthy when they were given thorough dental exams in the 1960s. The men who started out with bad gums have had about twice the death rate in the years since, especially from heart disease.

Another study, conducted on 44,119 male health professionals at the Harvard School of Public Health, found poorer health among men who were missing many teeth, a sign of gum disease. During six years of follow-up, those with 10 or fewer teeth had about a two-thirds higher risk of heart disease than men with close to a full set of teeth.

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-Dr. Steven Offenbacher,  
North Carolina dental researcher

## Futuristic scanners identify people by hands, eyes, voice

NEW YORK (AP) - Forgot your bank card? No sweat. The automated teller machine pans a camera across your eyeballs to verify your identity. Checking out of work? Just press your palm on the surface, and your hours are clocked.

What sounds like high-tech fantasy is starting to show up in real life, giving rise to a new class of futuristic gadgets that can scan a person's eyes, hands or voice and instantly verify identity.

Among other uses, the "biometric identity" devices are being tested in automated teller machines as a substitute for plastic bank cards and personal identification numbers.

The trend is driven by improvements in technology that are pushing down costs, as well as by heightened fears about security.

Indeed, the recent torture-slaying of Jonathan Levin - a New York City high school teacher and son of Time Warner chief Gerald Levin - apparently for his bank card number, has emphasized the need for a better method of screening bank account holders.

"I think it's going to make people think a little bit more about security," said Erik Bowman, an industry analyst with Personal Identification News, an industry newsletter.

"Biometrics is a way to solve that." Demand for the scanning devices, while still small, is growing rapidly. Up to \$25 million in biometric identity devices are expected to be sold this year, up 45 percent from 1996, according to Personal Identification News. That is expected to double by 1999.

## Jesse Jackson's voter goal: register 10,000 high schoolers

CHICAGO (AP) - Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson is lending his support to a campaign to register 10,000 high school seniors to vote.

The voter registration drive will be carried out at graduation ceremonies throughout the city, beginning Monday.

Volunteers from Jackson's Rainbow/Push Coalition will staff tables where graduates can sign up. "We want every high school

senior coming across that stage with a diploma in one hand and a voter registration card in the other," Jackson said.

The goal is to sign up all graduating seniors who turn 18 on or before the city's next election - the March 17th Primary.

Rainbow/Push Coalition, the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners are cooperating in the program.

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# Opinion page

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## Daily Eastern News should be a voice for those reading it

Attention all students: This is your newspaper.

This eight-page publication should not only be your information source for local, state and national news, but it should be your voice as well.

It should be a forum for students, as well as faculty, staff and others who might happen to read it. People should respond when questions arise, or if they happen to disagree with another's opinion.

Many times, folks have written to the paper regarding questions of its contents, particularly items that run on Page 4 – the editorial page.

The editorial page is an example of how great democracy is in this country. Opinions can be expressed, as well as reactions to those opinions.

On this page, there are four outlets in how opinions are expressed.

The first is the newspaper's editorial – the item you are now reading. Each editorial consists of the opinion of the newspaper's editorial board. Members of the editorial board are noted with an asterisk beside their names in the staff box on the second page of the paper.

The second example is a column, which is solely the opinion of the author whose picture and name are next to their work. Again, the column is not the opinion of the paper, but of the individual.

The third example is the editorial cartoon. When published, its location is in the middle of the editorial page. The cartoon is similar to a column in nature, in that the opinion of the piece is of the author and not of the newspaper.

The final example of how opinions are expressed on the editorial page is through "your turn," in which letters are sent to the editor either in response to an item that has been published in the *News*, or to voice their opinion about a certain topic.

Letters that run in "your turn" are subject to editing as space allows. The author must also provide his or her phone number so the editorial board can verify that the letter is their own.

Communication is the key in keeping everyone informed about what events are taking place. If we at *The News* can't even perform this simple of a task, how can we do our jobs in the first place?

Through the aforementioned outlets, we hope that our readers feel comfortable knowing there is an outlet through which their voices can be heard.

## “today's quote

Its name is Public Opinion. It is held in reverence. It settles everything. Some think it is the voice of God.

—Mark Twain

# Playing the waiting game isn't all that fun

Very few people like waiting and I'm one of them.

Whether you're waiting for the Hay Baler at the local amusement park, or in line for a cold one at your favorite watering hole, waiting is about as much fun as going to class.

Still, this story can't go untold as I wasn't the only one affected by this latest organization bungle by the University.

In Eastern's housing brochures, it mentions the perks about living on-campus. And most of the items mentioned are justified – you don't have to pay for the extras like cable hookup and local telephone service.

But moving from McKinney Hall into Stevenson Tower Saturday was one of the most unpleasant experiences in my four years here.

Earlier last week, a sign was posted saying that intercession residents could only move into Stevenson from 3-5 p.m.

The students who were to check out of McKinney had to ink their name on a sign-out sheet, so that a Resident Assistant could check them out. Yeah, it's my fault I didn't sign up until Wednesday, but I figured that a 2 p.m. check-out couldn't be all that bad.

Now, when you put your name on a sign-up or sign-out list or whatever the hell it is, I've always been under the impression that the time is yours and yours alone. Stick around for this second story.

Anyway, about 1:30 rolled around and most of my stuff was ready to go. A resident in McKinney was grouching around in the hall because he wasn't allowed into



DAN FIELDS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*"Since I was having so much fun already, I started playing another friend's accordion."*

Stevenson.

"What the hell am I supposed to do?" he said, holding a box in one hand and a clenched fist in the other. I calmly explained I wasn't behind this practical joke and that I was nearly in the same boat as him.

Fortunately, I was to use a friend's pickup truck to move my belongings across the street, not relying on those carts they provide. There's about as many of those around as there are Yugos.

So there I was, waiting in the parking lot with all of my belongings in a truck with a "I brake for butterflies" bumper sticker on the back. Since I was having so much fun already, I started playing another friend's accordion he picked up. No lie.

Once 3 p.m. rolled around, I decided I should stop with the Parking Lot Polka and see if I could move in.

I shouldn't have been surprised on what was to happen next. Yep, you guessed it. Another wait, this time about 35 minutes to get my room assignment.

I can't fault the two individuals checking us in, only their superiors who should have allocated more people in handling us students. You know, the ones that pay to go here.

Oh yeah, about those lazy bums who try to sign their names at a time already taken. Wait your turn.

If you get bored, I know someone who gives cheap accordion lessons.

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## Editorial

Many times, folks have written to the paper regarding questions of its contents, particularly items that run on Page 4 – the editorial page.

The editorial page is an example of how great democracy is in this country. Opinions can be expressed, as well as reactions to those opinions.

On this page, there are four outlets in how opinions are expressed.

The first is the newspaper's editorial – the item you are now reading. Each editorial consists of the opinion of the newspaper's editorial board. Members of the editorial board are noted with an asterisk beside their names in the staff box on the second page of the paper.

The second example is a column, which is solely the opinion of the author whose picture and name are next to their work. Again, the column is not the opinion of the paper, but of the individual.

The third example is the editorial cartoon. When published, its location is in the middle of the editorial page. The cartoon is similar to a column in nature, in that the opinion of the piece is of the author and not of the newspaper.

The final example of how opinions are expressed on the editorial page is through "your turn," in which letters are sent to the editor either in response to an item that has been published in the *News*, or to voice their opinion about a certain topic.

Letters that run in "your turn" are subject to editing as space allows. The author must also provide his or her phone number so the editorial board can verify that the letter is their own.

Communication is the key in keeping everyone informed about what events are taking place. If we at *The News* can't even perform this simple of a task, how can we do our jobs in the first place?

Through the aforementioned outlets, we hope that our readers feel comfortable knowing there is an outlet through which their voices can be heard.

## Grapplers should be rewarded with more than a budget cut

Dear editor,

In the 1996-97 year, the wrestling team finished 26th in the nation. This is not NCAA Division III, II or I-AA wrestling. This is NCAA Division I wrestling with the big boys.

We had two All-Americans this year, including our No. 5 ranked 158-pounder and our No. 8 ranked 118-pounder.

So how do we reward this fine wrestling program? We cut half of their already slim budget right out from under them. I bet that plump \$16,000 that's left will really look attractive to new recruits!

With that kind of budget, EIU's wrestling future looks pretty slim, especially for anyone to finish that high again.

Yes, good ole EIU athletics is managing to knock down a very successful athletic team, but I'm sure this is a first, right?

In spite of these cuts, we still have a great wrestling coach in Mr. (Ralph) McCausland and some fine wrestlers left to work with this dwindling budget.

## your turn

I'm sure they will continue to tread through these rough times and hopeful success, despite these miss-comings. Good luck guys!

Travis Swick

## Both sides of issues have to be seen to understand opinions

Dear editor,

I have spent two years in this learning institution, and what have I learned?

How easy it actually is to let the trivialities within to disabandon all our common unity. How easy it actually is to scatter the parts of the whole.

Perhaps it was all of grave significance, but what did we actually contribute from marshmallows reigning over a marching band, to the "lack" of a food service, to the absence of a Collective Soul within a concert.

I don't know, maybe this is a preparation for all of us to get on our high-horses and set our opinion over every one else's. Never do we see the other side or even take the time

to squint and try to relate to the other pole of our own opinion.

'Cause what do they know, right?

We forget that we are not omnipotent and omniscient. But yet it has always been easier to mock the fruits, than to reap off the fruits of our labor.

And I continue the spiral in this piece, but maybe someday we will all see in a different shade and it will clarify the minuteness of our hindsight magnitude.

Carlos M. Sibasa

## Letter policy

The Daily Eastern news encourages letters to the editor concerning local, state, national or international issues.

Letters should be less than 250 words. For the letter to be printed, the name of the author, the author's address, telephone number, year in school and current major must be included. If necessary, letters will be edited according to length and space at the discretion of the editorial page editor or editor in chief.

Anonymous letters will not be printed.

If a letter has more than three authors, only the names of the first three will be printed.

# 1997 grads expect more from parents

By **MATT ERICKSON**  
Managing editor

With graduation ceremonies for the most of the nation's Class of 1997 completed nearly a month ago, recent college graduates have found that the first thing on their minds is not necessarily getting a job.

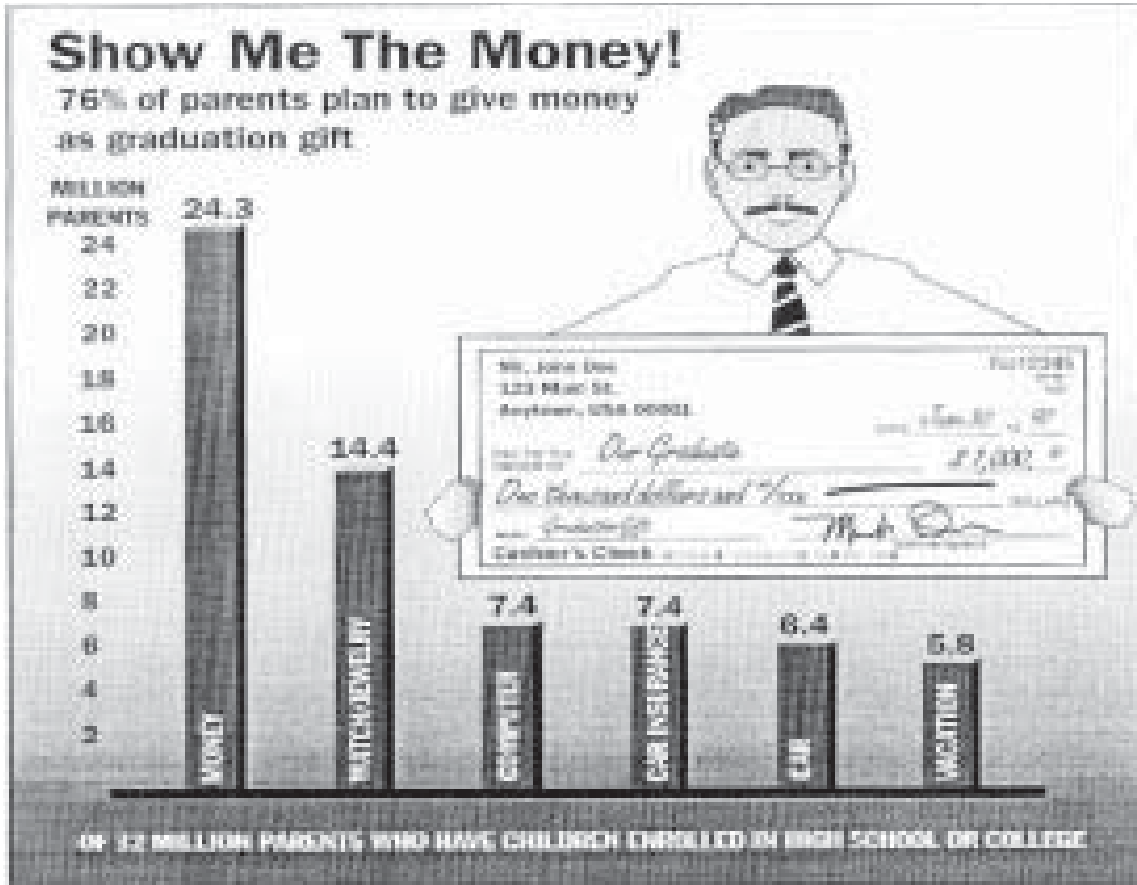
They're more concerned with the big bucks mommy and daddy are shelling out as gifts.

According to a study done by California's Kia Motors America, Inc., college grads won't have anything to complain about this summer. Today's parents intended on giving more to their child graduates than they received from their parents a generation ago.

More than 500 Americans with children in either high school or college were polled by Kia Motors America to determine their intentions when giving graduation gifts to their children.

The survey uncovered some interesting trends for the estimated 32 million American parents who have children in high school or college and will eventually be faced with the challenge of graduation gift-giving.

Nearly half of the parents surveyed (49 percent) intended on giving graduation gifts valued under \$500. Of those who planned on bestowing more to their



Source: Kia Motors America

grads, 38 percent polled said they would spend between \$500 and \$5,000.

Only a small sampling, 6 percent, said they would dish out more than \$10,000 on their gradu-

ating child.

According to the survey, the numbers demonstrate that consumers' pocketbooks are tight, and they expect quality products at affordable prices.

But if you're one of the six out of every 100 that will win a small fortune after graduation, who cares? The survey gives new credence to the 1990s *Jerry Maguire* catch-phrase, "Show me the

money!"

Seventy-six percent (24.3 million) of the 32 million parents with high school or college students planned on giving money to their graduates, which would allow them to select the ideal gift.

The survey didn't list the number of parents who expected their children to blow their money on high-powered water guns, video games and pizza.

Other presents selected by parents for their graduates included: watch or jewelry (14.4 million), computer (7.4 million), car insurance (7.4 million), car (6.4 million) and vacation (5.8 million). Those surveyed were allowed to give multiple responses.

Despite today's generation of sensible parents, they are still spending more than their parents did on them.

Survey results show that parents today are four times as likely to give a car as a graduation gift than they were to receive a car as a graduation gift.

While graduates envision their cap and gown with a flashy, expensive sports car, almost half of the parents surveyed (47 percent) view a compact sedan as the more practical car to give. In addition, trucks and sports-utility vehicles were cited by 25 percent of the survey respondents as the gift of choice.

## Entries being taken for third annual EIU Duathlon

Entries are now being accepted for the Third Annual Eastern Illinois University Duathlon, which will be held Saturday, June 28 in Charleston.

The duathlon will combine a challenging running event, followed by a challenging bike race and another road run, and is perfect for exercise enthusiasts.

The race will begin at 7 a.m. on Eastern's campus with a three-mile road run, followed by a 14-mile bike ride through the country. The duathlon will conclude with a two-mile trail run just south of Lantz Gym. The finish line for the event will be near the campus pond.

The deadline for the \$20 entry fee and waiver form is Saturday,

June 21. Late entries will be accepted the day of the race with a \$5 late fee. Contact Dr. Thomas Woodall at Lantz Gym (581-3510) for more information on the race, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Lantz Gym to receive an entry form.

Participants must be at least 14 years old and should have biked at least 100 miles and run at least 50 miles in the 30 days preceding the event, Woodall said.

The overall male and female winner will each receive a \$50 cash prize. Age group awards will go to the following divisions: under 20, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and over 60.

-Staff report

## Court order: no shoes, no shirt, no justice

MORRISON (AP) - You'd think most kids appearing in juvenile court would know enough to dress up for the judge. Just in case they don't, two Whiteside County Circuit judges have instituted a dress code.

Justices Tim Slavin and Dan Dunagan believe their new order is in children's best interest.

"We are not there to punish kids. We are there to help them fit into society. We hesitate to do anything because we don't want anyone to judge a juvenile case on how they're dressed," Dunagan said. "But we do want to emphasize to them that there is proper dress for proper circumstances."

No more shorts, short skirts, baggy pants or T-shirts with pro-marijuana messages. Boys must wear shirts with a collar. Shirts and blouses will be tucked in.

Dunagan said the dress code will be put into effect gradually.

Juveniles will be warned on the first offense; and on a second offense, their case will be continued until they can return in appropriate clothes. If the

problem continues, juveniles could be held in contempt of court.

Slavin said he is thinking about keeping some clothing in the courthouse so juveniles could change.

"It's not because we're offended by how they look," he said.

"It's a small attempt, an opportunity to help these kids recognize that they can be successful and enjoy life. Society expects certain things of them."

State's Attorney Gary Spencer agrees appearance is important. "There are all kinds of occasions where you want them to appear respectable, distinguished," he said. "It makes it more likely that they will be heard."

While most counties have no dress code in their juvenile courts, judges have the option of requiring proper attire.

Slavin developed the dress code after reading about a similar one imposed by a judge in Kansas. He said he hopes the dress code will teach juveniles discipline outside the courtroom.

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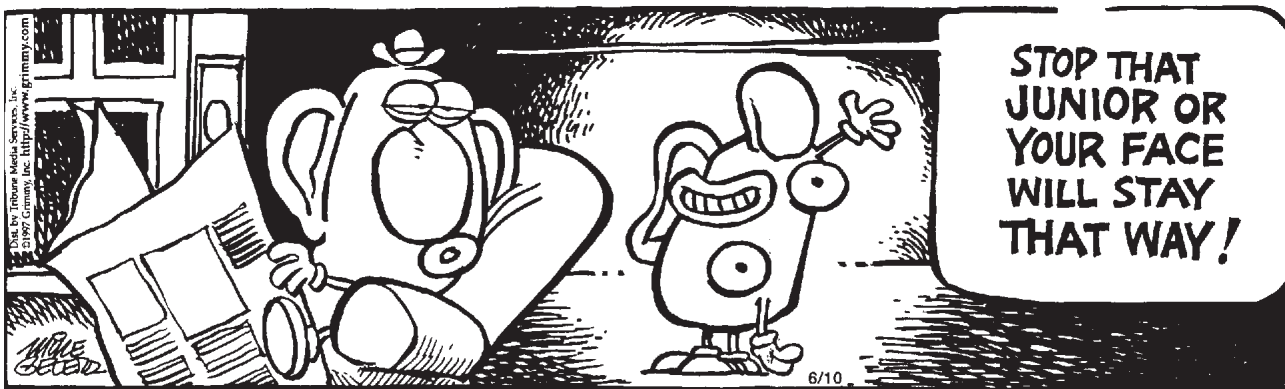
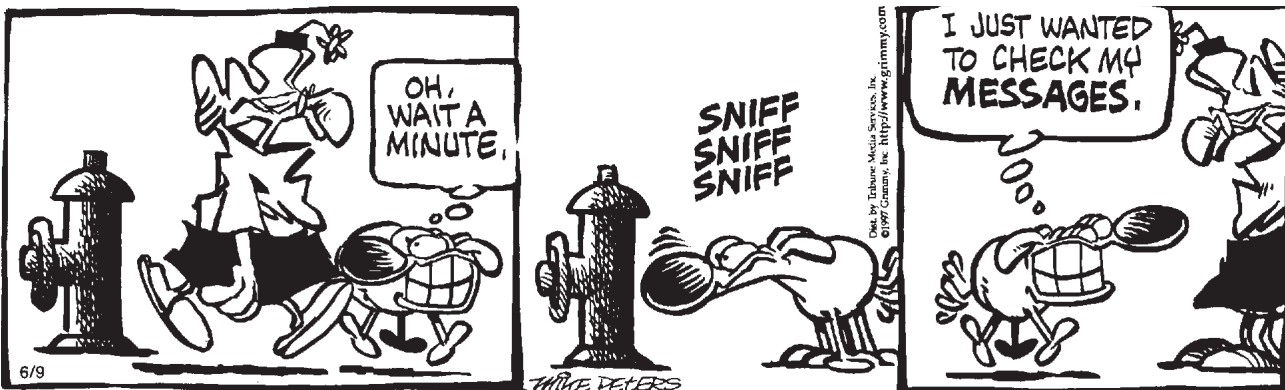
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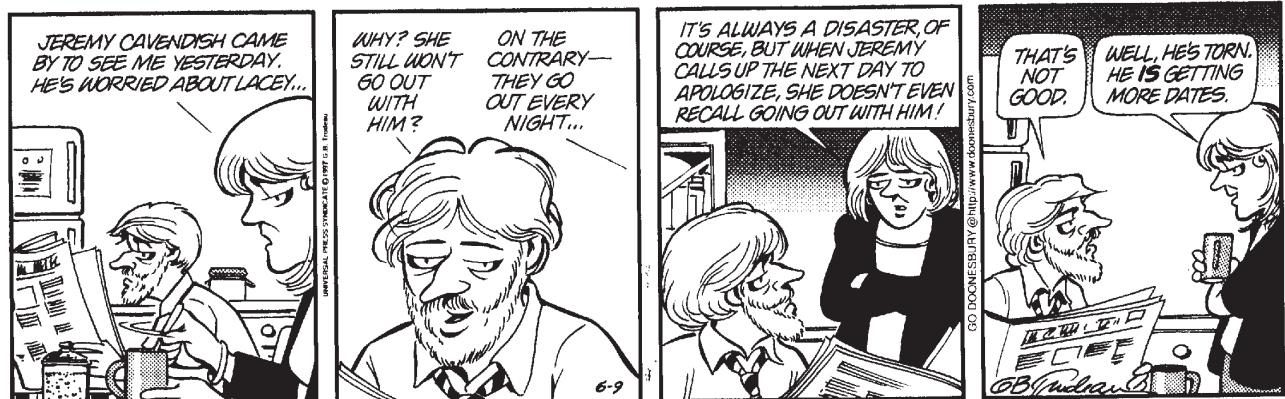
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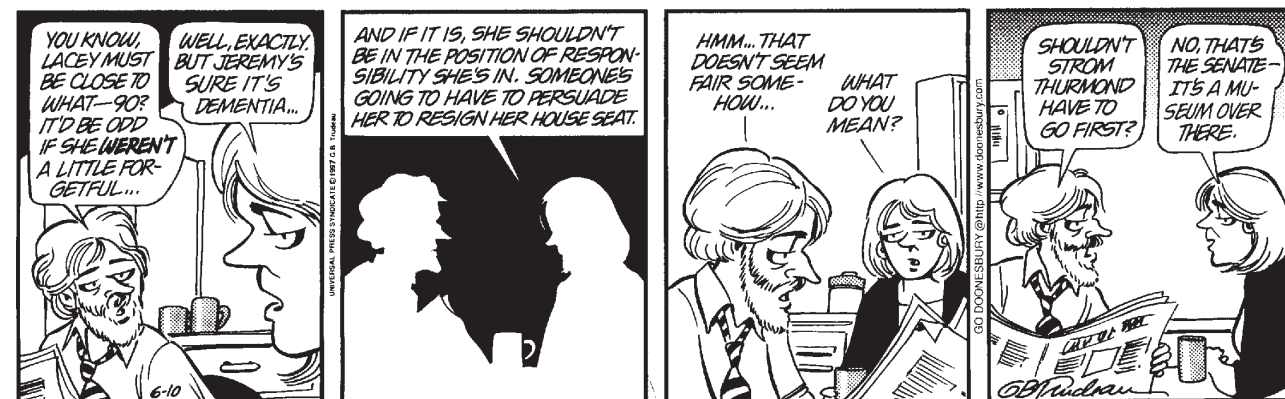
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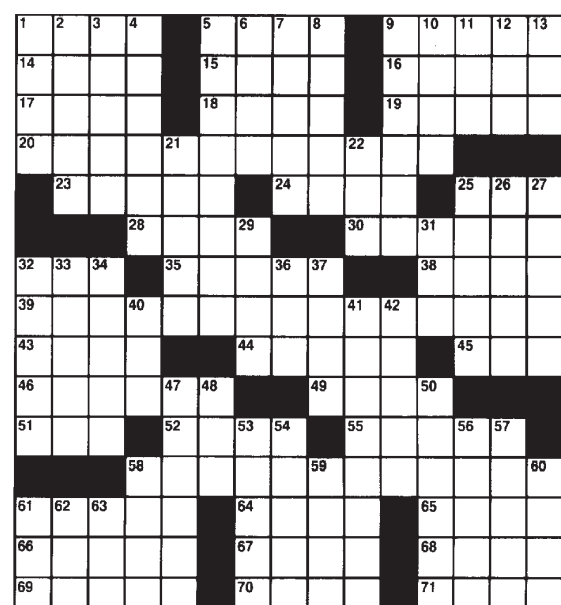
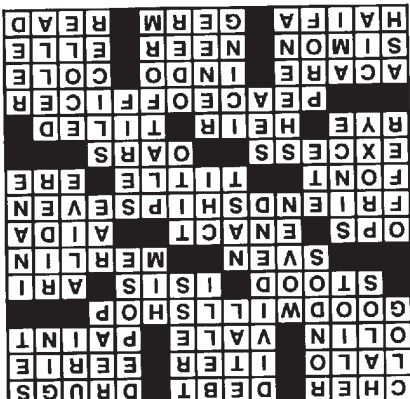
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Puzzle by Stephanie Spadaccini

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down to her kneecaps, went through the same routine through the 21 rounds of competition.

After her word was read to her, Sealfon let the games begin. Like other athletes, Sealfon tried each and every angle possible to gain some momentum and an added advantage.

"Am I hearing this word correctly?" "Can I hear the definition of the word again?" "What is the word origin?" "Is the root word . . ." Every question short of asking, "Will you spell this word for me?"

And when she was finally ready, Sealfon began to spell. After each letter, she would place her hands over her mouth and nose - almost in ritualistic fashion. For what reason, I have no clue. But it worked, like a ballplayer who eats chicken before each and every game, without fail.

You think the pro sports world has personalities? They can't hold a candle to Sealfon. More than once, after spelling a word and not hearing the dreaded "ding" of the miscue bell, Sealfon remarked, "That was just a lucky guess. I didn't know this word. Really." Once, she asked the pronouncer, "Why do you keep asking such ridiculous words?"

But when all was said and spelled, Sealfon stood tall and proud after out-smarting 244 other young

Webster's readers.

Realizing that her final word was one she knew by heart, Sealfon correctly spelled "euonym," and eliminated her gutsy 11-year-old challenger, Prem Murthy Trivedi.

But she didn't just spell it. She won the hearts of sports fans everywhere by screaming out each letter into the microphone - the judges' ears are still ringing.

When no bell rang, Sealfon showed off her Jordanesque vertical leap, throwing her arms into the air and hopping up and down repeatedly. The theme song from "Rocky" trumpeted through my head. Later, she balanced her trophy atop her head. I'm telling you, these spellers are kooky characters.

Sealfon got \$5,000 and a laptop computer to go along with some national TV exposure. Peanuts compared to what she deserved, especially after "euonym."

Sealfon may not be an athlete in the traditional sense, just like spelling bees are probably not going to be recognized as sports by the U.S. Olympic Committee anytime soon. But she's not far removed from being a professional jock. And the endorsement money can't be far behind her.

I'll bet the Sealfon phone is ringing off the hook.

## Red Wings fans continue celebration

DETROIT (AP) - This celebration was 42 years in the making. So don't expect the excitement over the Red Wings' first Stanley Cup championship since 1955 to end soon.

"I started about noon yesterday and plan to continue celebrating through the year," said Heather Lundy as she stood with a crowd of about 100 people about 8:30 a.m. Sunday to watch a 2,500-pound replica of the Stanley Cup being hoisted into place atop the Wayne County building.

"Detroit is awesome, the Red Wings are awesome and some

aspirin would be the awesomest right about now," Lundy joked.

Lundy's feelings echoed throughout the city Sunday, hours after the Wings swept the Philadelphia Flyers to get the coveted Cup. On Tuesday, a victory parade is scheduled for downtown.

At 4 a.m. Sunday, debris scattering the main streets heading into and out of the city replaced the thousands of fans who poured into the street just hours earlier.

At Joe Louis Arena - where the Red Wings clinched their Cup and sent coach Scotty

Bowman to the record books - a lighted marquee read "The 1997 Stanley Cup Champions."

The replica Stanley Cup on the Wayne County building was built by a Southfield sheet metal company and hoisted into place by a construction helicopter. It was arranged by Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

"Our feelings are very strong about what the Wings have accomplished," McNamara said. "I can't remember this kind of enthusiasm and excitement that was so general since World War II, where everybody was out. It's the positiveness we've been missing."

## Sports Shorts

### Cubs fall to Expos, 5-4

MONTREAL (AP) - Mike Lansing's one-out double capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning Sunday that gave the Montreal Expos a 5-4 win over the Chicago Cubs.

The Expos, who have won three straight, trailed 4-3 when rookie Ryan McGuire hit an infield single off Terry Adams (0-3). One out later, F.P. Santangelo hit an RBI double and Lansing followed with a double - his third hit - just inside the third-base bag.

Anthony Teleford (2-0) pitched two perfect innings of relief.

The Cubs lost their four straight despite scoring four times in the seventh off Pedro Martinez, who struck out 13 and allowed a season-high four runs in 6 2-3 innings. Ryne Sandberg's two-run single in the seventh inning off Martinez helped the Cubs take a 4-1 lead.

Chicago starter Steve Trachsel struck out eight in six-plus innings. Mark Grudzielanek had a pair of run-scoring singles for Montreal.

### Rams sign Saints' Small

ST. LOUIS (AP) - In a move to bolster a thin receiving corps, the St. Louis Rams have agreed to terms with wide receiver Torrance Small.

Small averaged 46 catches for 579 yards the past three seasons with the New Orleans Saints but was cut 10 days ago in a salary-cap move. He agreed to a one-year, \$500,000 deal with the Rams that includes a \$100,000 signing bonus.

The Minnesota Vikings offered Small, 26, a two-year deal but Small said the money and situation were better in St. Louis.

"The Rams have rookies and guys that haven't played that much as a third-down receiver," Small said.

The Rams don't have much experience behind Isaac Bruce and Eddie Kennison. After those two, no receiver on the roster has more than 16 catches in the NFL.

### FSU player arrested in break-in

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Julian Pittman, projected to be Florida State's starting nose-guard this season, faces burglary and credit card theft charges after a weekend break-in at a woman's apartment.

The 21-year-old senior was Seminoles' top backup nose-guard last season and was sev-

enth on the team in total tackles.

Pittman is accused of breaking into a woman's apartment with another man about 4:20 a.m. Saturday, taking the woman's credit cards from her purse and leaving in a sport utility vehicle, Tallahassee Police Lt. David Brand said.

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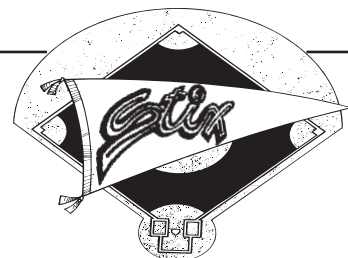
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# Sports



**MATT ERICKSON**  
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## Spelling bees: ESPN's sport of the future

Ah, the lazy days of summer. Everything seems to slow down a bit. People work less and play more, and people are generally a lot more relaxed.

Unfortunately, the sporting world is not immune to this nation-wide slow-down. If summer in professional sports was a '78 Nova, the 93-year-old blue-haired granny driving it would be riding the brakes.

By this time each year, pro basketball is winding down with the NBA Finals, and typically another ring for the only Chicago team that's full of Bull.

The NHL has declared a winner, too, by mid-June. Thank God. You're not supposed to play an ice sport after March, anyway. At least not in the U.S.

The NFL is anxiously awaiting mini-camps in July and the pre-season in August.

That leaves us with baseball, auto racing, golf, tennis and the "et cetera" sports: bowling, beach volleyball, track and field, soccer, fishing and spelling bees.

That's right. Spelling bees. A sport? According to ESPN, you bet. The all-sports cable network had live coverage of the National Spelling Bee championship from Washington, D.C. on May 29. They even delayed golf coverage to show the final rounds.

The first thing that popped into my noggin was, "I don't believe this. No. I don't like this one bit. Where's the seniors' tour?!" I thought ESPN was stooping when they showed things like lumberjack competitions. This was a new low.

But out of curiosity and an unadulterated hatred for soap operas, I kept watching. Plus, I would've had to get up to fetch the remote. And I found something out: ESPN's on to something, here. Spelling bees are the sport of the future.

Put aside the fact that the contestants are not yet in high school, have little social life outside of practicing words and only engage themselves in physical activity during the competition by walking from their chairs to the microphone and back, and a spelling bee is just as valid a sport as anything.

Take, for example, this year's champ - Rebecca Sealfon of Brooklyn, N.Y. Most people think Dennis Rodman's an odd-ball. Thirteen-year-old Rebecca now owns the franchise on peculiarity.

Sealfon, like most other professional athletes, has her own system during competition. The home-taught eighth-grader, whose untucked white shirt hung

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## Panthers dominate OVC sports

### Combined efforts of men, women lead to OVC title

By **MATT ERICKSON**  
Managing editor

The votes are in, and Eastern's athletics teams are once again the best in their conference. Only this year, the teams wreaked havoc over opponents in a new league - the Ohio Valley Conference.

In 1995-96, the Panthers collectively dominated their old conference, the Mid-Continent.

For 1996-97, the combined efforts of both the men's and women's athletics teams gave Eastern the overall bragging rights for best in

the OVC after just their first year of inclusion in the conference.

The men's teams finished second overall in the balloting process, which awards point totals based on final standings in each sport. The Panther women finished third in the balloting.

The men fell just short of Middle Tennessee's 116 points with a total of 106. The women trailed Southeast Missouri's winning 108-point total and runner-up Eastern Kentucky's 106.

And while neither the men or women can claim individual titles, in this case it appears that teamwork gets the job done.

Eastern's combined men's and women's score was 203 points, finishing just ahead of Middle Tennessee (199) and Eastern Kentucky (197).

First-year Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie was more than pleased with the teams' efforts in helping Eastern be recognized for its athletic accomplishments in the OVC.

"Eastern is committed to a broad-based athletic program and this outstanding achievement is the capstone for an extremely successful initial year in the OVC," McDuffie said in a statement released by the athletic department. "It's a tribute to the hard work by student-athletes, coaches and staff."

For the year, Eastern brought home championships in men's cross country, led by Justin Weiss, who finished second in the OVC league meet and was also an NCAA All-District IV winner; and both the men's indoor and outdoor track teams won OVC titles. Coach Tom Akers was chosen Coach of the Year for his team's indoor success.

Other notable Panther finishes in 1996-97: second place finishes in football, volleyball and women's swimming; a third-place finish for women's cross country; and Eastern's best wrestling season ever, finishing 26th in the nation, led by All-Americans Dave Pena and Matt Hughes.

## Fox trots Softball coach leaving to pursue other interests

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After two seasons as Eastern's head softball coach, Stephanie Fox announced her resignation as of June 30 to the athletic department May 8.

Apparently taking to the road along with her will be assistant coach Deb Canfield, a spokesman for the athletic department reported.

Fox coached Eastern to its second best softball season in history last season, compiling a record of 38-25. She led the Panthers to the championship game of the Ohio Valley Conference post-season tournament, where they lost to Southeast Missouri State.

Fox was unavailable for comment over the weekend, but told the *Charleston Times-Courier* May 9 that she was resigning due to reasons other than softball-related.

"I am resigning as of June 30 and basically my reasons don't have anything to do with softball or this athletic program," Fox said.

Fox said she simply wants to make a change in her career, and the change might not even involve athletics.

"It's just time for me to make

a career change," Fox said. "I don't know what I'm going to do but I have a computer science background and I might get back into computers."

Eastern's first-year Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie told the *Times-Courier* that a national search would be conducted and that he hoped to have Fox's replacement named by July 1.

McDuffie was not able to be reached for further comment on the athletics department's search or prospective candidates.

McDuffie did say he believed Fox did "a good job" leading her club and "the softball team was very respectable."

Fox took over for Beth Perine, who resigned as coach of the Eastern softball team in the summer of 1995. In her two years at the helm, Fox's coaching record was 62-48.

Fox did not speculate on exactly where she might go after her last day at Eastern, saying it could be "the East or West." But she did imply that she would not likely remain in Charleston.

"I'd like to try something different," Fox said. "I am single and young, and Charleston is not the easiest place to be young and single."



FILE PHOTO

Eastern head softball coach Stephanie Fox paces the grounds during a Panther game at Williams Field last spring. Fox announced her resignation, effective June 30, to the athletic department May 8. Her two-year record as Eastern's coach was 62-48.

## All Jazzed up: Utah ties series at 2-2

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - This time, the Mailman delivered on Sunday.

With the direction of the NBA Finals hanging in the balance, Karl Malone shook off his history of playoff foul line failures, tuned out Scottie Pippen and made the two biggest free throws of his life.

The shots gave Utah a three-point lead with 17 seconds left, and the Jazz went on to beat the Chicago Bulls 78-73 Sunday night to even the finals at two games apiece.

"I said earlier that I wished I could be back in that situation," Malone said. "I just blanked everything out and concentrated."

The series will resume here Wednesday

night with the Jazz looking to become the first team ever to take a 3-2 lead over Chicago in the final round. As it is, they are the first team since Portland in 1992 to be tied with the Bulls after four games.

And their latest victory might just convince them that they have a legitimate chance, even though they'll need to win at least one game in Chicago.

It was the second-lowest scoring game in NBA Finals history, and the Jazz won it in part by holding the Bulls without a point over the final two minutes and scoring the game's last nine points.

Michael Jordan had a chance to tie it with

six seconds left, but he missed an off-balance 3-pointer that would have made it 76-76.

Malone rebounded the miss and fed the ball out, and Bryon Russell went in for an uncontested slam that put an exclamation point on Utah's stirring victory.

Malone ran over and hugged coach Jerry Sloan for several seconds in an emotional display of the vindication Malone obviously felt after making his final two foul shots.

It was just a week earlier that Malone went to the line in the closing seconds of Game 1 with a chance to break a tie game and put Utah in position for an upset.