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A message of peace

Zhaosing Li addresses international friendship

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

China and the United States promised never to target nuclear weapons at each other. Keeping this promise will let the world fall asleep, and when world problems occur, the two countries will stand up together.

The Chinese ambassador to the United States, Zhaoxing Li, addressed this as part of a strategic partnership between the U.S. and China to a full Buzzard Auditorium Wednesday night.

"The strategic partnership is oriented toward the 21st century in the interest of people from (the United States and China) and people from around the world," Li said.

About a year and a half ago the countries' leaders met, allowing China and the United States to become partners and not adversaries, Li said. The strategic partnership is a "framework for exchanges for (China and the U.S.) to work shoulder to shoulder."

Li said the strategic partnership works for the countries to get closer to taking care of the nuclear crisis, financial crisis, cross-border crime like terrorism and cross border drug trafficking.

The strategic partnership between China and the U.S. has already begun with the two countries working together to help stop nuclear testing in



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Zhaoxing Li, a Chinese ambassador to the U.S., talks about the American/Chinese relationship in a presentation titled "China: Friend or Foe to America in the 21st Century", in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium Wednesday evening.

India and Pakistan, Li said. And the countries have worked to help alleviate the financial crisis in Asia.

Li discussed many issues the U.S. and China are working together on. He said China is conscious of the U.S. deficit and will help address the problem because China has a stable economy with a 7.8 percent economic growth rate. In return, Li wants the United States to relax on export control because "America refuses to sell what China wants to buy." Buying

Chinese products saves Americans money, Li said.

While the two countries are making excellent progress by creating job opportunities for the Chinese with U.S. business ventures in China and making peace in Korea, the countries have their conflicts.

"As an old Chinese phrase says, 'Every coin has two sides,'" Li said.

He discussed the accusations made by the U.S. that China

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Grad students may have to buy textbooks

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

The Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee has recommended that a study be done to examine the feasibility of having graduate students purchase their textbooks.

Dan Klingenberg, Textbook Rental director and member of the Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee, said he will be looking into the possibility of having graduate students purchase their books and will report back to the committee at the next meeting in the fall.

"The next meeting of the Textbook Rental Advisory Committee will be in which I hope to report that information which I was asked to ascertain," he said.

Klingenberg said the information the committee is requesting is a cost comparison of how much graduate students pay for the Textbook Rental fee and how much they would pay if they have to purchase their books.

"Frank Hohengarten (dean of enrollment management) will be getting together to discuss how we are going to approach what has been requested of us," Klingenberg said. "I'm just providing data for the Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee."

Genie Lenihan, member of the committee and the Council on Graduate Studies, said the committee has only asked the staff of the Textbook Rental Service to look into the possibility of a purchase program for graduate students and there is no plan to implement such a system.

"We simply want a cost comparison," she said. "We want to investigate whether it is an extraor-

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Genie Lenihan,
member of
Textbook Rental Service
Advisory Committee

“ dinary cost.”
Lenihan said if a purchase system is implemented for graduate students there may be some benefits.

One of the possible advantages of the system would come from the fact that graduate students use their textbooks as the "nucleus of a professional library," Lenihan said.

She said many graduate courses are offered as "seminar-paper" courses and no textbooks are required.

"They may be paying more than their fair share (currently)," Lenihan said.

Lenihan said the possibility of having graduate students purchase books is just an idea that is being looked into and there are no current plans to implement the system.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville currently has a textbook rental program in which graduate students purchase their books, said Theresa Lavelle, assistant manager of Textbook Service at SIU at Edwardsville.

At SIU at Edwardsville, graduate students buy all their textbooks, even for undergraduate level courses, Lavelle said.

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Proposed landfill may contaminate nature area

By Christy Kilgore
City editor

Some residents of Coles County are expressing concern over a proposed landfill site in an area adjacent to Burgner Acres Nature Preserve, which is maintained by Eastern Illinois University.

Robert Moore, executive director of the Prairie Rivers Network, a group that works on river conservation and water quality statewide, said along with Burgner Acres, Riley Creek, the only Class A stream in Coles County, is threatened by the landfill.

"You would think that (Riley Creek) would be something Coles County would want to preserve and be proud of," Moore said.

Moore said one of the environmental concerns surrounding the landfill site is contamination of ground water caused by chemicals leeching into the ground.

Only 2 percent of all of Illinois' assessed rivers are classified as Class A streams, a classification given by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Moore said.

"That whole area is host to some pretty high quality nature areas," Moore said. "The landfill that is being proposed could easily have a detrimental effect on the area."

Moore said estimations have put 30 to 40 semi-trailers of trash entering the landfill per day, which would raise the risk of traffic accidents in and around the area.

The ecosystem of the area also could be disturbed by the introduction of non-native species attracted by the trash, especially trash that could blow into Burgner Acres and the surrounding areas, Moore said.

"Garbage naturally attracts pests and whatnot," Moore said. "They could displace some of the native species that are using Burgner Acres."

Glenie Hamel, a board member for the Douglas-Hart Foundation, which originally granted Burgner Acres to Eastern in the 1950s, said she is concerned about the educational resources, Burgner Acres provides, being disturbed.

"As a member of the community I am very concerned about what it's going to do to Burgner Acres as an environmental study

tool," she said.

Hamel said she also is apprehensive about the future of the nature areas near the site.

"We certainly are disappointed that one of the legacies that Helen Douglas-Hart left to the community and the university is going to be decimated," she said. "It's going to be overshadowed by this landfill."

Hamel said the Coles County Board has put residents of Coles County in a difficult position.

"I am disappointed the county board is leaving us in this direction," Hamel said.

Hamel said the effects of having a landfill adjacent to a nature preserve will be noticeable in more ways than affecting the ecosys-

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Airstrikes against Kosovo likely to cost billions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prolonged and intense NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia could cost the United States billions of dollars, putting more pressure on a \$270 billion Pentagon budget already stretched thin unless Congress provides new money.

Using the four-day Operation Desert Fox in December in Iraq as a guide, congressional and outside economists estimate the Pentagon could spend several hundred million dollars a week over regular U.S. defense costs.

NATO has said airstrikes could continue for weeks to degrade the Yugoslav military's ability to attack independence-minded ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

"The longer it goes on and as more aircraft are destroyed and as

more munitions are consumed, the costs are going to come up," said Steven Kosiak of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

Most extra defense costs will come from replacing missiles launched and bombs dropped on Serb military targets. The 7,300 U.S. troops and 210 warplanes there already are paid for. Aircraft refueling and maintenance also drive costs above peacetime training levels.

In the cases of Iraq and Yugoslavia, most airstrikes are conducted by U.S. troops and aircraft already in the region with only some added airpower, so potential transportation costs for ships, troops, military gear and weapons are not a big additional factor.

"The real budget question in the wake of an operation is how much do you need to rebuild your stock of munitions," said Steve Daggett of the Congressional Research Service.

Precision bombs come fairly cheap — about \$40,000 each, mostly for the laser guidance system attached to 500- to 2,000-pound iron "dumb bombs," Daggett said.

But Navy Tomahawk and Air Force cruise missiles can average \$1 million apiece, which can raise the airstrike tally quickly since the Pentagon uses the weapons more often these days because they can be fired from afar without putting pilots at risk.

The Pentagon has put the extra cost of the cruise-missile strikes in Iraq at \$260 million, although outside analysts estimate the pricetag

is closer to \$500 million.

Extra defense spending for NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia, which so far have not relied as much on cruise missiles, will most likely be cheaper each week than the four-day Iraqi operation, say congressional and independent budget analysts.

In the first week of the NATO airstrikes alone, more than 100 sea- and air-launched cruise missiles were used. In the same period, 400 NATO aircraft flew more than 1,700 sorties.

Pentagon accountants could discount the munitions costs, however.

In Desert Fox, the Navy fired 330 Tomahawks, but assigned the extra cost at just \$123.8 million because there's no plan to replace them all.

China

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stole nuclear weapon materials from the United States.

"China does not have a policy of stealing things from other countries and has done nothing to incriminate America," Li said.

He said exaggerations like stealing nuclear weapon materials is damaging to the countries' ties.

He said he wants dialogue between the countries to resolve differences and "if differences cannot be eradicated the countries need to expand on their common grounds."

In response to a question on the topic Li said, "If you make trouble, you help to resolve it." China has not done any of the alleged accusations, and Li said he thinks some politicians in the United States have ulterior motives and Americans should talk to them on the issue.

Other important questions Li answered from the audience were in reference to the issue of China's overcrowding. Li said the recent figure for China's population is 1.24 billion people and last year more than 19 million babies were born to China.

"We welcome all arrivals," he said. "But the ability to feed the children and educate them is

China's main priority."

He said China's family planning limit within the cities is one child per couple, but in the Tibetan region, there is no policy.

Li also was asked about NATO's involvement in Kosovo, to which he replied "Kosovo is an internal matter of Yugoslavia; foreign countries have no right (to be there)."

Li said nothing authorizes UN interference into domestic affairs, according to paragraph seven of article two in the United Nations charter. Li questioned if the UN can't interfere, "What gives one country the right to interfere?"

Another topic Li discussed was the establishment of Chinese scholars in the United States universities.

He said 47,000 Chinese students attend American universities, while the U.S. has 2,000 students in Chinese universities. This is one area in which Li would like to see more growth, he said.

During the presentation, Li received an honorary membership into the Honor's Society of Political Sciences, Pi Sigma Alpha, from president Jodi Gaspard.

Li's appearance was introduced by Eastern's President Carol Surles to make his presentation, which closed with him saying, "I'm ready and happy to work with all of you for better China and U.S. partnership and friendship."

The audience responded with resounding applause.

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tem.

"You're going to smell it, it's going to be blowing on you and who wants that?" she said. "It's going to be a real surprise for the taxpayers of Coles County. It's going to be an April Fools' joke - it's a really bad joke were all going to be part of."

Kay Fairley, who described herself as a concerned citizen, said she is disturbed about the future of the environment in the area.

"What kind of heritage are we leaving our kids and our grand kids?" Fairley said.

Fairley said she also is questioning the environmental soundness of the current landfill located near the area.

"The first landfill is not cleaned up and the previous owners went bankrupt," she said. "We don't

need a third party coming in and adding to the pollution. It's time to get this mess cleaned up before we add to it."

Some landowners indicated their concern for rural prairie and farm land adjacent to the proposed site.

"Our children and grandchildren will inherit this land; it's been in the family for some years," said Sally Smith, who along with her husband Joe Smith, own farm land directly south of the site.

"It will decrease the value of the land if we want to sell it," she said. "We are very much opposed to the landfill."

Walter Hoffman, who owns farm land just north of the site, said he and his wife Beverly Hoffman are mostly concerned about their water.

"The type of ground they're trying to put this on is good prairie ground," he said. "In about 20 years or so that plastic they use in there is going to break down."

“It will decrease the value of the land if we want to sell it. We are very much opposed to the landfill.”

Sally Smith,
Charleston resident

Textbooks

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She said the current system at SIU at Edwardsville has been in place since she began working there in 1986.

Klingenberg said if Eastern were to implement a similar program, undergraduate students enrolled in graduate courses would probably have to buy the graduate level textbooks because those books would not be available on a rental basis.

"I'm guessing they would have to buy those books because we wouldn't be buying graduate level books with undergraduate funds," Klingenberg said.

He said if the change is eventually made, it would have to be approved by Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, and the President's Council.

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Teen Reach Center offers opportunities

Eastern studentes help local kids with homework, after school activities

By Nicole Meinheit
Features editor

As Charleston schools let out Monday afternoon, the Teen Reach Center, on the East side of Charleston's Square, slowly comes to life.

Children ranging from 10- to 17-year-old gather around a juice bar near the door where they learn to count change with pretend money.

Just beyond the juice bar several boys work on computers and around a corner Ann Mestern, a senior French major, gives a French lesson to about 10 students.

At the back of the center students cluster around tutors for help with their homework.

It was just an average afternoon at the Teen Reach Center.

The Teen Reach Center opened Sept. 3, 1998 after Mary Gienko, project director, received a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

It is one of the 37 Teen Reach Centers in Illinois that targets at-risk youth, said Mark Robinson, program director.

The center hosts around 50 students every weekday.

"We were overwhelmed because we had such a successful beginning," Robinson said.

Part of its success has been because of Eastern volunteers.

When the center first opened, Robinson decided to offer Eastern students working toward teacher certification an alternative to classroom observation.

Each student working toward teacher certification is required to complete 100 hours of classroom observation before they can apply for teacher certification.

Instead of observing, students can tutor the high school and junior high school students at the Teen Reach Center.

"The high schools are fine just



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Matthew Morgan, an 11-year-old Charleston resident and fifth grade student, works with Tom Burrows, a senior health studies major, on some homework problems at the Teen Reach Center during the center's after school program. Morgan said he liked the tutors and the program.

to go in and see how it is in a high school setting. After all, I hope to be there one day, but here I'm seeing what exact homework they are doing and seeing exactly what kind of problems they are having," said Tom Burrows, senior health studies major and tutor at the center.

Jamie Crockett, a senior English major and tutor at the center, agrees her work at the center will help her become a better teacher later.

"It makes you realize that with kids it takes a little more one-on-

one," Crockett said. "Sometimes teachers don't see that. They see the incomplete homework and bad grades and they don't see that the kids are trying."

Staff and volunteers at the Teen Reach Center are always looking for new ideas and new programs.

Some ideas even come from volunteers, like offering French lessons.

Mestern began tutoring at the center to get observation hours for SED 3330 but asked Robinson if she could also teach

French lessons.

Some of the children at the center pop in and out of Mestern's lessons, but she has about five regulars, she said.

"It's great the kids are actually into the language and learning about French-speaking people," Mestern said.

Mestern said she hopes the program continues after she graduates in May because to get teacher's certification in French, students have to do candidate teaching, which is similar to student teaching.

Mestern already completed her candidate teaching, but is hoping the classes she has begun at the Teen Reach Center will be an option for future French majors with teacher certification.

Currently, Robinson is focusing on plans for the summer.

"This is the first summer we are going to be open and we're trying to locate different projects for the students," Robinson said.

Robinson already has the Flower Pot project planned. Children from the center will be responsible for planting and caring for the flowers on the corners around the Coles County Courthouse.

The project is partly community service, but lessons in botany also will be included in the program.

The goal of the center is to have a wide range of programs that fit into the categories of academic enrichment, life skills education, adult monitoring and sports and recreation.

Every weekday an hour is set aside for educational projects, like Mestern's class, one-on-one tutoring and a program, such as counting money, that changes every day.

After 4:30, the two pool tables near Mestern's classroom are surrounded by children looking to polish up on their pool skills and other children are watching television in another part of the center as their study time ends and social time begins.

Students interested in earning observation hours at the Teen Reach Center can sign up in the office for the department of student teaching, 2418 Buzzard Hall.

Anyone interested can fill out an application at the Teen Reach Center. All applicants will be interviewed by Robinson and will need to have two background checks.

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Blocking registration

Students with at least 75 semester hours of credit will have their registration for summer and fall 1999 courses blocked if they have not registered to take the writing competency exam.

Holding students' registration would seem to be a fairly effective way to motivate them to take responsibility and sign up for the exam without having to be threatened with not being able to graduate if the test is not successfully completed. And, officials claim the exam, which is offered five times per year – twice in the fall, twice in the spring and once in the summer, has a 10 percent failure rate.

Writing competency

By blocking student registration, the university is forcing students to take responsibility and not wait until the last minute for the test.

Although many students claim the exam is easy to take and a waste of time, a 10 percent failure rate should be enough incentive for every student to want to take the exam as soon as possible so they know if they will need to take it again.

Students who are entering the semester under the 1998-1999 catalog will be the only students affected by the changes for now and the plan will affect more and more students as the years go on. Eventually every student will be required to register for the exam before gaining 75 credit hours.

This decision obviously was made to help keep students on track. They should not whine that their academic careers are in ruins because they procrastinated.

The test is a simple requirement that if left until the last minute, could cause a "graduating" senior a lot of unnecessary stress at the end of their career at Eastern.

The test takes about an hour and a half to take and only involves a sober Friday night before the test. Go sign up in Blair Hall and graduate on time. By getting the test out of the way now, students can relax and not worry about graduation requirements.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

I hold that we cannot be said to be aware of our minds save under responsibility.

Thornton Niven Wilder
American novelist and playwright, 1897-1975

Unions support workers, vote yes

Just read something very disturbing in the DEN; a worker wants to stop a union from representing workers. As a recent graduate of Eastern and someone who has supported unions since I was in diapers, I always cringe at the very thought of a worker wanting to tell a union to go away. Press statements which involve words like "decertification" and "misrepresentation" have been the main

weapons for the destruction of unions in this country. Professor Gerling, you may think you are doing the right thing by trying to decertify this union, but it is my opinion that you are not. It is in this day and age of corporate downsizing and technological advancement that workers everywhere need to be able to stand up against possible management exploitation. These are not just the idealistic words of a bleeding-heart liberal; I have been involved with unions since I can remember. For the past three years, I have had paid summer internships with three separate unions; one in Chicago, another in Boston and the most recent in Miami. My father is a vice president for UNITE, a garment workers union with more than 250,000 members, and has had me experience countless episodes of labor tragedies and victories.

We live in a country where our government adamantly supports NAFTA as a milestone in the spirit of economic progress, but which in all actuality is the epitome and quintessential of worker exploitation and abuse. In 1993, President Clinton assured this country that NAFTA would be better for workers around the world; yet six years later, yearly incomes have declined while unemployment has reached an all-time high ... now I ask you, how is high unemployment BETTER for workers? This is not the time to add criticism to the only chance for survival that many workers have. If your current contract has problems, as I'm sure it probably does since most union contracts have some problems here and there, then fix those problems when you begin contract renegotiation in August. Two years ago, while I was working as a union organizer in Boston, I watched thousands of UPS workers fight tooth and nail against management. It took many weeks of picketing and uprising, and many workers began choosing to quit fighting and just take what they can get, but you hopefully know as well as I do what happened: eventually, they won the fight and got the contract that they wanted. Now, no contract is perfectly flawless. Not everyone is going to get exactly what they want, but as Eugene Vitor Debs, president of the American Railway Union during the early 1900's said during the Pullman Strike of 1904, "It is better to have any union and be able to fight back than to have no union and be unable to do anything."

If you all vote in your election to decertify the union, then your options to fight future management exploitation just ceased to exist. Those who support decertification, you may believe your union does not support you and should no longer



Moran Beasley
Eastern graduate

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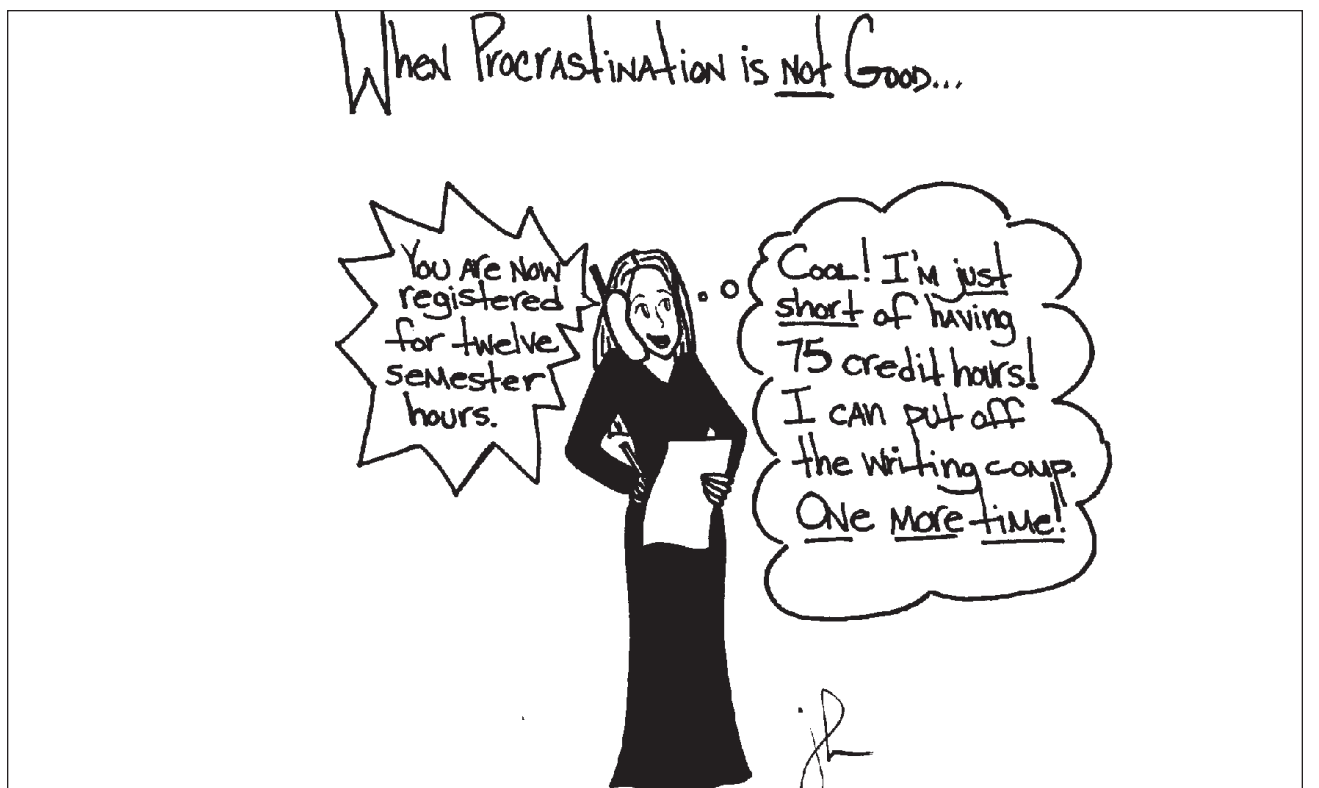
represent you, but with all due respect, you have that luxury to make that conclusion. You all still have jobs. But what happens if you get rid of your union, and the next day the administration begins reviewing budget reports and decides Eastern needs to cut back on its professors. What are your options then? Answer: you no longer have any options. Better update that resume and hope to God the job market ain't so bad

this year.

Granted, I am not in your position, but this very same scenario happened at my high school right before I graduated from there. Teachers began being fired left and right and no one knew why. But then someone remembered that five years before, the teachers had voted the union back in. No one can tell your workers how to run your school, especially a young idealist like myself. But why give the power back to the administration? Take advantage of what millions of workers around the world wish that they had – job protection. If your current contract sucks, then start preparing for changes and additions for the new contract. Don't throw away one of the few means of protection labor has these days.

This is not a "scare tactic," as Professor Gerling has argued. This is evidence based on the current status of labor law. Modern labor law is in management's favor; unless you have a union, then management can deny you anything and not have to give a reason why! It happened at my high school when there was no union, it has happened at thousands of workplaces around the country over the past century and it will happen here too if the union goes away! Is that how you want to negotiate your next salary raise ... by hoping that the administration is kind and gives it to you? Professor Gerling asks that people vote with their conscience. I ask that people do the same, but with one thought: would you rather talk with management protected, i.e. unionized, or vulnerable? If you think all unions are about is hollow threats, empty promises and making money, then not only are you uneducated about unions, but you are also uneducated about the world's workforce. Administration loves to talk about union decertifications; that means more money ultimately for the school, but also usually translates to less money for the employees. I consider Eastern one of the finest public universities this country has to offer, but only because of the excellent faculty and staff. Keep that in mind when you vote whether to decertify the union; if the union goes away, this university will suffer as a result. Please don't help that prediction come true. Keep the union; work your problems out for the next contract. The future of this university depends upon a solid unionized foundation.

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Students deserve a summer commencement

I think the summer graduation ceremony should not be cancelled regardless of how many or how few student participate. I know first – hand how it feels not to have a college graduation ceremony. At the end of last summer, I graduated from a local community college with an associate's degree and did not have the opportunity to participate in a ceremony because it was not offered. Therefore, my accom-

Your turn

Letters to the editor

plishment of graduating has gone unnoticed. Now, nine months later, I have the chance to participate in a ceremony, but it is not the same. It is not as important to me anymore. I have moved on since then to a new school and to go back now seems to be nothing but a hassle. Graduation is one of the biggest accomplishment in our life. Do not take away a

graduation ceremony from others as it was taken away from me.

Jill Rohr
junior recreation administration major

Poor photo choice for spirituality speaker

Why the poor choice of photo accompanying the story about Michele Tarter's presentation on Quaker women and women's spirituality? As I recall, several photos were taken that afternoon.

Julie Campbell
assistant professor of English

Students find teacher placement beneficial

By Stephanie Raabe
Staff writer



Chris Sievers / staff photographer

Lawrence A. Seby, superintendent of Woodland Community Unit School District 5, talks with Jessica Pasquale, junior elementary education major, Wednesday afternoon during the Teacher Placement Day in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Many students found Teacher Placement Day to be beneficial in their search for future teaching and administrative positions.

"Teacher Placement Day gives students valuable experience in interviewing," said Marcy Benjamin, a senior elementary education major who attended the conference, held Wednesday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Representatives from school districts in 20 states attended the event.

The purpose of the conference was for students to make contacts

and improve their interviewing skills. Several students said they received applications and job offers after interviewing with the representatives.

"I received job offers from schools in Atlanta, North Carolina, Texas, and California," said Paul Martis, a senior elementary education major.

Kim Sinclair, a senior special education major, said the event was a good experience because she "realized that there were more job opportunities available" than she originally thought.

Recruitment representatives conducted interviews throughout the day in an effort to hire teachers for their districts.

Jim Palermo, a representative from Raleigh, N.C., was recruiting 800 new teachers and Linda Smith, a representative from Honolulu, Hawaii, was recruiting specifically for special education, mathematics, science and industrial technology.

Michael Milkie, a representative from Chicago, and Charity Varnado, a representative from Nevada, said they were very impressed with Eastern students.

Both said the students presented themselves well and were good quality candidates.

The only complaint came from John Hawkins, from Hawaii, who said, "I wish they were all graduating in spring so we could hire everyone."

Senate discusses fee increase

By Matt Neistein
Staff writer

A proposed increase to the shuttle bus fee will nearly double the budget and provide money for advertising the shuttle bus service, said Student Senate member Melissa Girten.

The senate is considering an increase of \$2.50 to the current fee, which is \$2.50.

Girten and Jeremy Ruppel, shuttle bus coordinator, outlined the effects of the fee increase to the Student Senate.

"Last year's fee only covered one semester for \$54,000," Ruppel said.

Donations from local businesses and from the President's Office covered any remaining costs, he said.

Girten said the contract with the

service provider, runs until the end of the next school year. She said the shuttle bus budget is \$76,000 and should be primarily funded by students. The fee will boost the budget to approximately \$100,000 and the surplus money will be used for advertising.

"We're trying to get away from asking for money," she said. Local businesses donated \$6,000 last year, far short of the \$20,000 planners had estimated.

Girten said research is still being done on the efficiency and popularity of the shuttle bus but said it has already been far more successful than expected.

"Things like this take time to get started," she said.

She estimated that it will take another year before a solid judgment can be made on the shuttle bus' effect.

Music Department accepting applications for new chair

By Sara Rosolowski
Staff writer

The Music Department is accepting until April 16 applications to fill the chair position for the department.

"The interviews will be done by May 7, and the final selection will be done by Dean (James) Johnson, (dean of the College of Arts and Humanities)," said Michael Watts, search committee chair and director of the Tarble Arts Center.

The position is primarily administrative, a press release said.

The responsibilities of the music department chair include providing leadership in curricular matters,

coordinating the department, recruitment and scholarships, student and faculty duties, supervising, preparing the department budget, coordinating the activities between the department and the college, community and alumni relations and coordinating the departments annual strategic plan and teaching, the press release said.

Qualifications for candidates include a doctorate or appropriate terminal degree, teacher certification, musical background, college teaching and administrative experience, the press release said.

Details about the job, such as salary, are "negotiated and not released until the final contract (is

signed)," Watts said.

The current art department chair, Herman Taylor, is stepping down from his position to return to teaching. He has served as the department chair for nine years.

The search committee that will review the applications include: Watts, Rhonda Heath, office systems specialist in the music department and music professors Bernard Borah, Jerry Daniels, Sam Fagaly, Joseph Manfredo and George Sanders. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights, will serve as an ex officio member.

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Spoo taking mediocre approach

By Chad Merda
Sports editor

Eastern football coach Bob Spoo was honest, if not totally blunt. "We're a mediocre football team until we prove otherwise," he said Wednesday following the team's first spring practice. "I saw some good things out there, but that's just a start. Now we have to see if we can sustain it."

The team is coming off a disappointing 6-5 season, where it became known for blowing comfortable halftime leads.

That was just one of many issues Spoo addressed Wednesday.

"(Last year) we didn't block and tackle the way we needed to in order to compete," he said.

Attitude was another burning issue with Spoo. "If that's all we've got is a bunch of talkers, it doesn't mean anything," he said. "We have to have guys that can back it up with actions and we don't have enough of them."

While Spoo said he doesn't have his eye on any particular players, he was pleased with the job defensive end Ryan Pace has done in the weight room to bulk up.

"We've got to improve everybody and we'll come up with the best 11 guys," Spoo said. "Whoever is willing to play, will play."

For now, Spoo knows the team needs to improve its pass defense, which ranked near the bottom of all Division I-AA teams last season.

The plan is simple for the spring practice season - work on the fundamentals now so the team will be in better shape next fall.

"I think with some of our goals, our coaches were on them, which we've got to have," Spoo said. "We've got to find a way to habitualize the right things to do."

"(Spring practice) better have a great impact because if it doesn't then we're wasting our time."



David Pump/Staff photographer
Eastern defensiveback Steffan Nicholson runs down the sideline during a game earlier this season. Nicholson and the Panthers' spring practice opened Wednesday afternoon.

Merda

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next year have absolutely no idea what the requirements are going to be for incoming freshmen. Will test scores still be used? Or will there be no such measuring stick?

Either way, it makes a huge difference in whether or not a school pursues a specific athlete.

It all leads to a lot of uncertainty and that very chaos the judges were looking to avoid.

Spoo agrees.

"(If Prop 16 is eliminated), then you have to go out and look at how many athletes you denied because the NCAA clearing house said they were ineligible," he said. "But now, if they're eligible, then we take them."

All schools can do now is wait in limbo. Are there any fair solutions?

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura has suggested college athletes only play sports, and after their eligibility is used up, they be given the option of taking classes and earning a degree.

So much for the concept of student athletes.

Ventura's idea virtually turns them into professionals, which doesn't make sense.

There needs to be an academic standard for the incoming athletes to meet.

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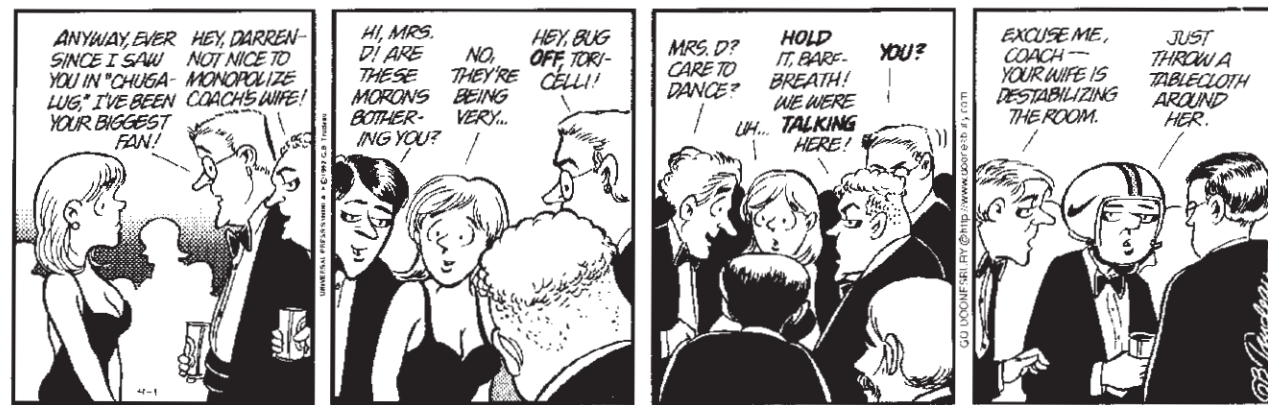
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Track teams ready for only home meet

By David Pump
Staff writer

Eastern prepares to compete in its only home track and field meet of the season at O'Brien Field, beginning at 10 a.m. this morning.

This year's field will consist of eleven teams, highlighted by Illinois State, Western Illinois, Wisconsin - Milwaukee, which will bring both men's and women's squads while Purdue women's team will be its only representative.

"Outdoors it is incumbent that we go to a variety of meets," women's coach John Craft said. "It is hard to host a meet every week and get quality people to come in every meet, but there are five Division I teams coming in, including ourselves."

Illinois State may give the men's team its toughest competition of the meet, men's coach Tom Akers said.

"Illinois State will be the team to battle out, but we are not worried about the team scores," Akers said. "This is a great opportunity to see how we match up against Illinois State, but they are running guys in a few different events, and we will be switching things up because there are still a lot of questions."

The Panther women have problems of their own as they will be short three of their top competitors in Catara Mabry, Shavon Alexander and Erika Coull-Parenty.

"Catara will not be running because she is sick," Craft said, "Shavon is at home (with her family) and Erika will be exam-

ined by a doctor (today because of a soreness in her leg).

"Those three are all contributors for us, so other people will have to pick it up in their absence."

Some of the athletes that may have a little incentive to compete harder will be the seniors, since it is their final meet at O'Brien Field.

"We are going to have competition and it is nice to be at home," Akers said, "but it is not like the last home football or basketball game because it is so early in the season for us."

Craft agreed with Akers and he also pointed to the advantage some of the athletes may have with their families coming to Charleston for the meet.

Compared to years past, the meet opens with the heptathlon for the women and the decathlon for the men on Thursday and Friday.

Candi Phillips will be the only Eastern athlete and one of seven women competing on the first day, to go with four men.

"We will do something (on Saturday) with her," Craft said. "Either hurdles or the high jump, it all will rely on how she feels."

In an effort to allow athletes to compete in more events on Saturday, three events have been put on the schedule for Friday. The javelin, the steeplechase for the men and the 3000-meter run for the women have been moved up a day.

"We are trying to shorten it up a little on Saturday," Akers said. "With the number of athletes in the throwing events, it helps alleviate the number of officials we need on the same day."

Conference play opens for softball at SEMO

By Kristin Rojek
Staff writer

Although April Fools' Day may not be the best day to start the Panther softball conference play, team hopes are high for redemption against Southeast Missouri after a 2-0 loss last weekend in the Carbondale tournament.

Eastern (4-13) is ranked second in the Ohio Valley Conference just behind three-time returning OVC tournament champion SEMO.

"We have a lot more respect this year after being ranked sixth coming into tournament play and coming out second," head coach Lloydene Searle said. "We hope that this sets a winning pace for us because we have a strong feeling about (today)."

The Panthers had the day off of practice Wednesday, but a few players were seen at batting practice to help the team pull out of an offensive cold spell.

"Although there was no practice, you can see the determination and desire that these girls have to get it done," Searle said.

Searle said the high level of competition that they have faced at the start of the season is all in preparation for the conference stretch.

"The tough preseason is to make for a strong conference season and the competition we saw and the

"We have seen them a lot and know their hitters to keep them off balance. We have worked off weaknesses and mistakes and we're ready to get into it."

Stacy Siebert,
pitcher

ability to play many games outside will help," she said.

Aside from the offensive side, the defense has been preparing for today's game as well.

The pitching will be a major strength for the Panthers and with three pitchers with different styles, they certainly have variety to work with.

"We have seen them a lot and know their hitters to keep them off balance," senior pitcher Stacy Siebert said. "We have worked off weaknesses and mistakes and we're ready to get into it."

Siebert herself has been a big strength for the Panthers, scoring the lone run in the doubleheader against Southern Tuesday night.

"Stacy has set a tremendous example for the team by going out for a two-hitter against SIU and running the bases as well," Searle said. "She shows a lot of leadership

and it makes all the players better."

With much of its tough competition behind, Eastern will be looking back at the experience from games such as DePaul and SIU, where the Panthers took them to the wire for a competitive game against difficult teams.

"You will definitely start seeing our abilities and potential in the OVC," Searle said.

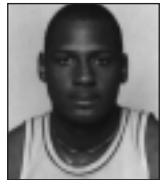
The Panthers have also had to deal with the frustration of an injured player. Junior third baseman Melissa Slama has a knee injury and it is unknown how long she will be out.

Searle said she has seen younger players stepping up to compensate for the loss, and she hopes to continue to see improvement.

Monday's game against SIU showed Searle many improvements the team has made just within a few days. They are able to widen their hitting zone and go with more pitches up and down.

"There has been a lot of aggressive hitting and they have a good eye to make the pitcher pitch their pitch," Searle said. "We are still looking to take our offensive philosophy up a level to put the ball into play without strikeouts."

"We saw (Southeast Missouri) in the tournament and we know that we have what it takes to beat them," Siebert said. "It's just a matter of getting our bats working."



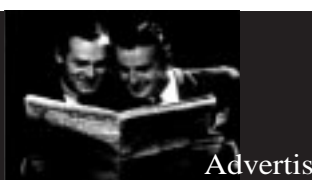
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Baseball sweeps Butler in twin-dip

Leaves, early leads help Panthers defeat Bulldogs

By Matt Wilson
Staff writer

The Panther baseball team fought off the rain and cold weather to come away with a 6-1 and 5-4 doubleheader sweep of Butler Wednesday at Monier Field.

"The weather created a day not to score many runs," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said.

Eastern never found itself trailing in either game, as it jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first game and a 3-0 lead in game two.

Because the Panther offense is in a small slump, Schmitz told the team at the beginning of the doubleheader the importance of jumping out to early leads.

"We talked about us not hitting well and we were tentative with our

opponent instead of going after them," Schmitz said. "We were aggressive in both games even though we had not been hitting the ball well."

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Panthers got some help from a pile of leaves sitting next to the right field fence. In the top of the sixth inning with Butler left fielder Luke Murphy standing at first base and Eastern up 4-3, Butler freshman Lance Links hit a line drive down the line for what looked to be like a sure triple.

But the ball went all the way to the fence and went under a pile of leaves. So instead of Murphy scoring from first to tie the game, he had to stay at third and Links had to settle for a ground rule double.

"I saw those before today's games and I thought those were going to be a problem, but they turned out to help us," Schmitz said.

This play even loomed larger when Eastern junior pitcher Jeremy Sanders threw a wild pitch which

allowed Murphy to score from third to tie the score at four.

Eastern battled back from the top of the sixth inning, as the Panthers used speed to generate the winning run. Pinch runner Scott Metz was the first Panther to show his speed, as he advanced to second base on a wild pitch, then to third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore second baseman Josh Landon.

Then with one out, the next batter, senior shortstop Dave Mikes, was able to beat out a double play ball at first base to allow Metz to score the winning run for the Panthers.

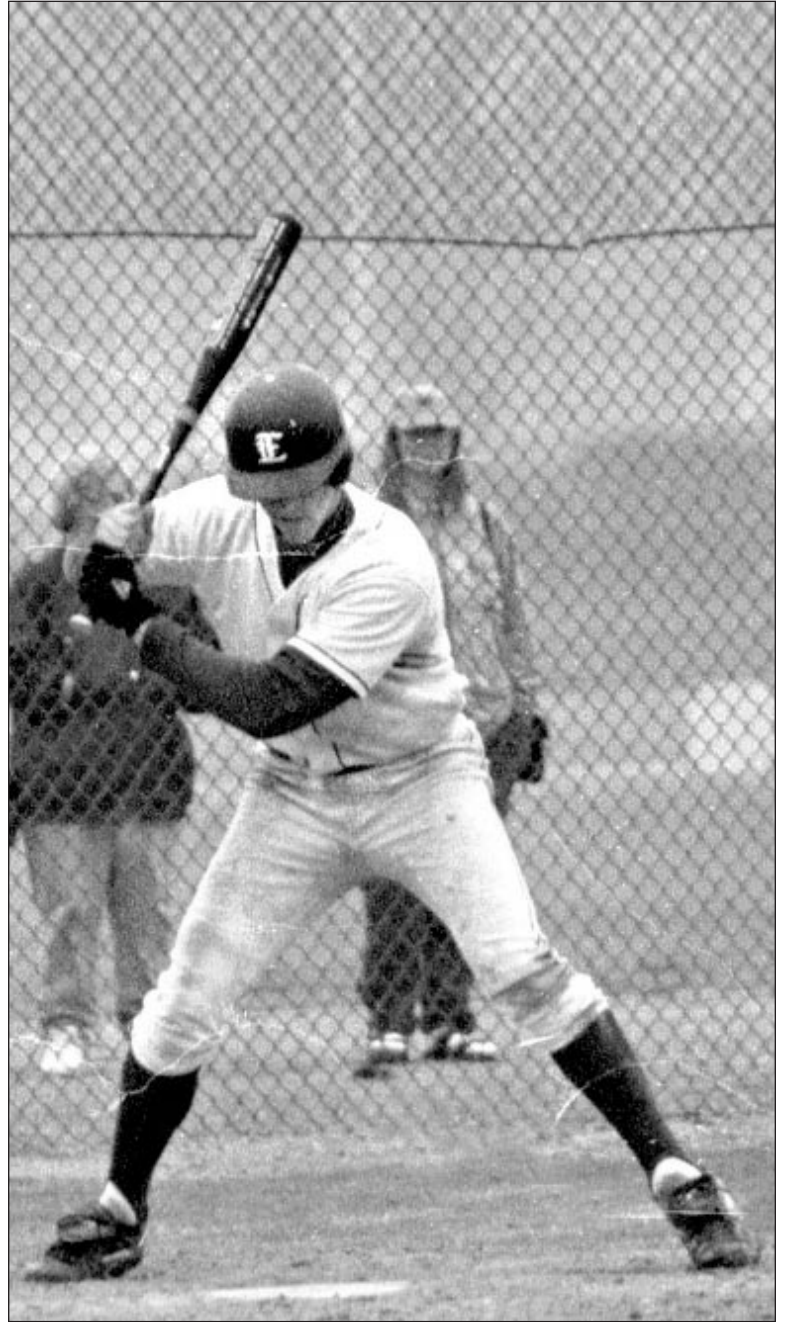
Butler would not go down without a fight, as in the top of the seventh the Bulldogs put runners on first and third with two outs. Murphy hit a line shot that Panther first baseman Brian Nickell had a tough time handling. After Nickell bobbled the ball and threw from his knees, Sanders made a great pickup on the throw for the final out of the game.

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First baseman Mark Tomse (left) stretches for a throw in the 6-1 win over Butler Wednesday at Monier Field.

Panther senior Ryan Bridgewater watches the ball cross the plate, as Eastern was able to come away with two victories despite the rain.

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Deanna McIntyre/Photo Editor



Weather unable to stop women from swatting Belmont

By Gabe Rosen
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team gained momentum going into this weekend's conference play with a 5-4 win over Belmont on Wednesday.

The Panthers improved their record to 7-5 this spring.

"We're getting to the point to where we are in a good position to begin conference play," Panther head coach Marla Reid said. "We rose to the occasion today."

In singles play, Eastern and Belmont drew even, winning three matches apiece, but the Panther dou-

bles play proved to be the deciding factor as Eastern took two out of three doubles matches.

Eastern's No. 3 doubles team consisting of Sarah Stork and Barb Wolfe defeated Belmont's Keeley Furman and Stacy Rice, 8-5.

"We're really happy with our win, but it wasn't easy for us," Stork said. "We knew we wouldn't have an easy win."

After last weekend's loss to Western Illinois at home, the Panther women wanted to have a strong week with Eastern Kentucky and Murray State right around the corner.

"We knew we had to step it up," Wolfe said. "We had to keep our focus."

In other doubles play, Eastern's No. 2 team of Jill Cochran and Racheal Wright beat Belmont's Nadja Durrer and Kate Moodie by a score of 9-8, while the Panthers' No. 1 doubles team of Adeline Khaw and Yovita Widyadharma was out-gunned 8-2.

"I think they were tough, but we also had some mistakes," Widyadharma said.

In singles action, Adeline Khaw beat Belmont's Lorana Martinez handily by the score of 6-4, 6-2, and

Racheal Wright defeated Kate Moodie 6-4, 6-2.

"She worked me really hard," Wright said. "We came out here knowing that they were tough so we were mentally prepared."

"Racheal Wright stepped up and played a fine match," Reid said.

Eastern freshman Barb Wolfe won her singles match as well against Stacy Rice by a score of 6-3, 6-0.

"She's getting a little more confidence each time she plays," Reid said of Wolfe.

In other singles action, Belmont's Nadja Durrer beat the Panthers' Jill Cochran 6-0, 6-0; Eastern's Yovita

Widyadharma was defeated by Gerda Redmond 6-2, 7-5 and Sarah Stork was beaten by Belmont's Keeley Furman 6-2, 6-1.

The Panther team won the match without the help of its No. 1 player, Linda Stakic, who will probably be ready to go on Friday.

"We stepped it up without our best player," Reid said.

Stakic is optimistic about playing against Eastern Kentucky and Murray this weekend.

"It's getting better and I'm hoping it will be better by Friday," Stakic said. "I'm more than likely going to play."

Thanks so much for all of the confusion

Eastern football coach Bob Spoo considers it a tremendous inconvenience. It might be better described as chaotic or extremely confusing.

The debate over the NCAA's Proposition 16 - which sets eligibility standards for incoming freshmen based on ACT and SAT scores - rages on.

On Tuesday, a Philadelphia appeals court granted the NCAA a stay of a lower court decision that upheld Prop 16. The stay was given to allow the NCAA to develop new freshmen eligibility requirements.

Tuesday's action came in the aftermath of a March 8 decision by U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter that struck it down on the basis that it was discriminatory.

To sum it up, freshmen athletes that were not eligible on March 7 became eligible on

March 8. Then on Tuesday, they were once again ineligible.

Follow that? Spoo thought he had it all figured out heading into Wednesday's first spring practice.

"(Tuesday), I received a memo from the Ohio Valley Conference that the kids who were once ineligible were eligible to practice in the spring," he said.

While he said there were really only two football players affected by the ruling, the memo was still good news.

"I was thrilled when I thought those guys



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could practice," Spoo said.

But then came Tuesday's court ruling and now they can't.

"Those schools that already started spring practice had used those (formerly ineligible) athletes," Spoo said. "If we would have started three weeks ago, we could have got them in."

Now all schools are once again faced with their ineligible players sitting out the entire year and losing a year of eligibility. Some may think at this point it doesn't matter. That's not true.

Spring football practice is a time to start learning in preparation for next season and working on fundamentals. Definitely, that would make the transition next year much easier. But it's not just football's spring practices that are being disrupted by the battle over Prop 16.

Don't forget about all of the spring sports that are currently being played.

Is Prop 16 unconstitutional and discriminatory? Few have a definite answer for that and neither do I.

In any case, a final decision needs to be made - soon.

Prop 16 might be unfair and it might not be.

But one thing surely isn't right, and that's jerking around the athletes and the institutions.

The court thinks it is, citing not having minimum eligibility requirements would cause recruiting chaos.

Let's take a look at what's happening now.

Schools that are currently recruiting for

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