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## Eastern gets second local runner

Charleston's Derek Fasnacht brings his versatility to Eastern's track and field team

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# Textbook rental prepares for blitz

♦ *Eastern's textbook rental service will feel the effects of budget cuts.*

By Angela Harris & Casey Carroll  
STAFF EDITORS

Not only has the housing and dining department been affected by cuts at Eastern this year, other departments are paying the price as well.

Textbook rental is feeling the crunch. "Two-thirds of the extra help are being cut," said Textbook Rental Director Dan Klingenberg. "Some of them are seeking other employment," he said.

Klingenberg is only looking at the short-haul of it.

"This is also the prognosis for the long term as well. We added 80 students to help for the fall, they work for an hour or two and then off to a class," Klingenberg said.

During the first week of classes they are anticipating some problems.

"There may be more lines

than their used to, so be prepared," said Klingenberg.

Jason Bly, senior 2-D art major, thinks it shouldn't be that much of a problem.

"As long as they have supervisors to oversee it then I don't think it will be a problem," Bly said.

Megan Stepp, sophomore speech communications major, said she would rather have longer lines than have classes cut.

Nachel Glynn, senior history major, added that she would rather wait in long lines than pay \$600 for textbooks she'll never use.

"There's not many universities in the United States that allow students to rent books instead of buying them," Stepp said.

Klingenberg says to avoid the long lines, "students need to get in as early as possible." Opening hours for receiving textbooks begins Wednesday August 20, at 8 a. m., till 4 p. m.



BY CASEY CARROLL/PHOTO EDITOR

Amy Richardson, chief clerk of textbook rental and Bryan Walden, bookstore clerk for textbook rental prepare for some busy days ahead as the fall semester draws near.

# Changes in drivers licensing imminent

By Angela Harris  
NEWS EDITOR

Several Illinois house and senate bills were passed in Springfield this July to become effective January 1st, 2004. House Bill 499, has changes in the requirement for persons under 18 years of age who want to drive a motorcycle. They must successfully complete rather than just simply complete the approved motorcycle training course to operate a motorcycle.

The child passenger act was amended. Senate Bill 52 requires children under the age of eight years old, instead of the age of four to be secured in an appropriate child

restraint system which includes a booster seat and those under age of 16 to be in a seat belt. It does allow those over 40 pounds to be in the back seat with only a lap belt if the auto isn't equipped with a shoulder/lap system.

Senate Bill 58 passed, amending the Graduated Drivers License where drivers under 18 years of age will be limited to one passenger under 20 years old for their first six months of driving or until the age of 18. Exceptions will include step siblings, children and step children as well as the driver's siblings.

Fees will change in Senate Bill 1903 it includes increases of driver abstract fees

from \$6 to \$12 (effective October 1st, 2003, and reinstatement fees are: Statute Summary Suspension from \$60 to \$500 and personalized plates adds an additional \$7 renewal fee, both effective January 1st of next year.

There were changes when not wearing a seat belt. Senate Bill 50, effective already July third of this year, will not allow officers to search or inspect a vehicle or passenger as a result of failure of either of them failing to wear a seatbelt.

Senate Bill 1117 effective July 11th of this year, provides that a physician assistant can determine and certify if a person has a disability if the physician assistant has delegat-

ed authority to make the determination or certification by his or her supervising physician. Mr. James Pitts, a physician assistant for Dr. Fehrenbacher in Charleston, said "this is a good thing. It's a step forward for P.A.'s and a widening for them overall." "It can be a filter for the physician so that they can handle the more serious cases that need immediate attention." Mr. Pitts was very pleased to hear of the senate bill.

Gov. Blagojevich vetoed part the bill on Tuesday that would overhaul the state's death penalty system. The part of the bill that would punish officer's who commit perjury was vetoed and sent back to the Legislature.

# Legislation could change the meaning of consent

By Casey Carroll  
PHOTO EDITOR

"No" finally means "no" under a new sexual assault law in Illinois. State Senator Dan Rutherford proposed the bill to the Senate on February 18, 2003. Rutherford was elected to the Senate in 2002, and has also served in the House of Representatives since 1993. According to the Illinois State Republican Caucus the first reading of Rutherford's bill to the Senate was on February 18, 2003 and passed on March 24. It was then read to the House on March 25 and passed on May 13 after a short debate.

The challenge to the court system occurred when a rape incident involved two teenagers at a party in March 2000. The girl initially consented, but when she changed her mind the boy refused to stop. The lower appellate courts in California were divided on the issue of consent and whether it can be withdrawn. Three years later the California Supreme Court came to the decision that consent can be withdrawn. The state of Illinois wants to clarify our sexual assault laws before it becomes an issue of whether or not consent can be withdrawn. This new law hopes to avoid controversy in the court system.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the bill in Springfield on July 25 making Senate Bill 406 into law. The new law, under the circumstances that the accused reasonably believed the victim to be 17 years of age or older, gives the individual the protected right to withdraw consent to sexual intercourse and other sexual acts even if the individual initially consented. In the amended Criminal Code of 1961 "consent" is defined as "a freely given agreement to the act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct in question." Furthermore, lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission by the victim as a result of force in the sexual act will not constitute as consent, and neither will the victim's manner of dress be taken into account. Finally the

statement, "no means no," really means no and stands in the court for sexual assault cases. This new law reassures victims that technicalities will no longer be an issue of the court.

Statistics show that more than 80 percent of sexual assault cases are acquaintance situations. Many instances of sexual assault on Eastern's campus are between acquaintances. With this law, students can know that if consent is withdrawn that the court will support that. This law should help increase awareness of sexual assault and possibly prevent it from happening. Victims may be more likely to report such cases knowing that their rights are protected by law. "If they know what their rights are and what the procedural steps would be, they'd probably have a much greater willingness to do just that [come forward]," states Josh Ehrwald, graduate education student. Stella Link, senior english major, said that she would feel more comfortable reporting such a case "knowing that someone would be there to, at least listen." However, Erin Bolton, senior studio art major doesn't think the new law will make a difference in the number of assaults reported. Bolton also feels it will take time for the new law to go into effect.

The bill became a public act on July 25 and is effective immediately. Bolton believes the law "sounds good in theory, but it's too vague to be effective." The consequences need to be clearly defined in order for it to be more preventative. She questions whether there will be stronger consequences for sexual offenses. The law alone "isn't enough of a threat" to stop sexual assaults from occurring on campus. Ehrwald believes the new law will "help more than hurt" the way in which sexual offenses are dealt with.

Local sponsors of the legislation include Rick Winkel of Champaign and Dale Righter of Mattoon. By defining the terms of consent and giving an individual the right to withdraw consent, victims are now protected in the Illinois court system.

# U of I policy will not be adopted by Eastern

By Kimberlee Boise  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern Illinois University doesn't seem to show signs of following the example of University of Illinois when it comes to health benefits for faculty and staff.

The University of Illinois approved a health and dental insurance reimbursement plan for same sex domestic partners of all faculty and staff at a meeting late last month.

They University in Illinois was the first university in Illinois to do so and the eighth university in the big ten to follow suit.

Under the insurance plan, the spouse of an employee is also covered because they are married. Since homosexual couples can't be married in Illinois the plan will allow them to file for reimbursement and get the same benefit.

Eastern, as well as many Illinois colleges have benefits that are provided by the state of Illinois.

"I'm guessing that the school is funding the program," said Judy Baker the campus benefits manager. "The benefits that we are in charge of are provided by the state."

It would be interesting to see the affidavit and see what has to be done to prove the relationship."

Viki Woodard of media relations said, "There has been no talk about implementing a program like that here."



# U. S. troops detain 25 Iraqis in raids

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers detained about two dozen people, including a “targeted leader” of Saddam Hussein’s regime, in a series of Sunday raids against people said to be participating in the violent resistance to the U.S. occupation.

The U.S. military said Sunday there had been no fatal attacks on American soldiers in Iraq for two days - a respite from the increased violence against Americans in Iraq since Saddam Hussein’s sons were killed in a U.S. raid on July 22.

Sunday’s raids by the 3rd Armored Cavalry in the so-called “Sunni Triangle” west and north of the capital netted 24 “regime loyalists, including a targeted leader,” the U.S. Central Command said. It provided no details on the identities of the captives.

About 300 soldiers raided five sites on the outskirts of Saddam’s hometown of Tikrit late Sunday, in a series of raids aimed at capturing men behind guerrilla attacks on U.S. troops, said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, commander of the 22nd Infantry Regiment’s 1st Battalion.

Soldiers failed to capture their two main targets in the raid, but detained a close associate of one of the guerrilla organizers and obtained important documents and information, Russell said. The raids were launched after the Army received a tip that members of Saddam’s regime would be meeting at one of the sites, but soldiers found no meeting, he said.

“The ring is closing and as we see more and more people (captured), each individual becomes more important in providing protection for those who still survive,” Russell said.

An Iraqi contract worker for the U.N. Development Program suffered minor injuries when his car hit a land mine on the road from Baghdad International Airport to the city center.

The explosion, which set the car ablaze, came shortly after the driver passed a convoy of three U.S. Humvees traveling the same road, which has been the scene of many recent attacks on American soldiers.

The American occupation authority also reported settling 1,168 claims totaling \$262,263 brought by Iraqis for deaths, injuries or property damage by American forces.

Representatives of the U.S. Judge Advocate General’s office in the Iraqi capital said it had received more than 2,500 claims for compensation and had dealt with nearly 1,500, rejecting about 20 percent as having no foundation.

Violence against U.S. soldiers spiked after the raid in which Saddam’s sons, Odai and Qusai Hussein, were killed by American forces in a gun battle at a villa in Mosul, 240 miles north of Baghdad.

The brothers were buried Saturday in a village just outside Tikrit.

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 52 U.S. soldiers have been killed in guerrilla

attacks.

The U.S. civilian administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, has blamed attacks against Americans on four groups - loyalists of Saddam’s Baath Party, the Fedayeen Saddam militia, members of the ousted and once-feared security forces and foreign terrorists.

U.S. officials increasingly have laid blame for the violence on foreign fighters, suggesting the guerrilla tactics now being used are similar to those employed by Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida organization and its Taliban allies in Afghanistan.

Iraq’s U.S.-appointed Governing Council, meanwhile, continued to work on the appointment of new ministers to run government departments.

A council spokesman said no names had been chosen, because the governing body was waiting for a fuller report from the American administrators who have been running the various ministries since shortly after Saddam’s ouster on April 9.

“There is no problem regarding the naming of the ministers, but we need to know the present situation of the ministries, for example, which ministries should be operating and which should not, the staff working in the ministries and the condition of the buildings,” council spokesman Hoshiyar Zebari said.

## Al-Qaida could strike again

WASHINGTON (AP)- There is a “very real potential” that the al-Qaida terrorism network could again strike the United States, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Sunday.

“Al-Qaida is still bent on injuring the United States,” he said. Ashcroft later said that he believes Osama bin Laden’s organization wants “to strike us whenever and wherever they can.”

Ashcroft said a new audiotape purportedly from bin Laden’s top deputy, Ayman Al-Zawahri, is evidence of the continued threat.

The tape warns America that it will pay dearly if it harms detainees at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, and it urges Muslims to avenge the prisoners.

Ashcroft, who appeared on the Sunday morning talk shows, said he did not immediately know if the tape was authentic.

The attorney general said the Bush administration is doing

everything it can to prevent fresh attacks.

“I believe that the potential for us to be hit again is a very real potential,” Ashcroft said. “And the kinds of efforts that we’re making, the kinds of information we’re sharing with the American people, signal that we believe that there is such a potential, but that we minimize the potential whenever we’re alert.”

He pointed to last week’s alert from the Homeland Security Department to airlines and law enforcement agencies that al-Qaida may attempt suicide hijackings in the coming months.

Ashcroft also said U.S. officials have worked hard to track suspected terrorists and foil their plans.

“I believe we’ve disrupted dozens and dozens and dozens, over 100 terrorist-related attacks around the world since 9/11,” he said.

## North Korea lashes out at U.S. official

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Pyongyang called a U.S. State Department official “human scum” for his criticism of North Korea’s leader, but the communist nation said it would still join talks on its suspected nuclear weapons program.

North Korea said Saturday that it won’t deal with U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton because he described Kim Jong Il as a “tyrannical dictator” and said “life is a hellish nightmare” for many North Koreans.

Bolton had made the remarks during a visit to South Korea last week.

“Such human scum and blood-sucker is not entitled to take part in the talks,” a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said, according to the North’s official KCNA news agency. “We have decided not to consider him as an official of the U.S. administration any longer nor

to deal with him.”

Bolton handles arms control and international security in the State Department and has been closely involved in efforts to resolve the dispute over the North’s weapons program.

The spokesman said, however, that there was no change in Pyongyang’s decision to hold six-country talks on the nuclear issue. The countries involved are expected to be North Korea, the United States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea.

Also Sunday, a Japanese newspaper reported that Washington and Tokyo have begun talks on forming an inspection team to ensure that North Korea eliminates its nuclear program.

Bolton discussed details of the plan with senior Japanese officials Friday, after the North agreed to the multilateral talks, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

The inspectors would likely come from the five countries expected to participate in the talks with North Korea, said the newspaper. The report could not be immediately confirmed and there was no word on whether Pyongyang would allow the inspections.

Pyongyang agreed to the talks despite saying for months it would only consent to one-on-one talks with the United States. The North says it will work on the sidelines of the negotiations to push for talks with Washington, which has insisted on the larger format because it says the North’s nuclear program is a regional concern.

The nuclear standoff began in October, when U.S. officials said North Korea acknowledged having a uranium-based nuclear weapons program.

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# AIDS cases on the rise in United States

ATLANTA - Americans became complacent about safe sex. Revolutionary new drugs allowed HIV-infected people to live longer. A new generation of gay men entered their 20s without the memory of the early days of AIDS devastation.

Health officials saw the signs and warned that AIDS — after declining for a decade — could make a comeback in this country.

Last week, new figures showed the predictions were right — AIDS diagnoses increased for the first time in 10 years.

Many Americans felt that AIDS had become an African epidemic, that the disease was under control here. That complacency is one of the main reasons that new HIV infections have been creeping up lately, especially among gay men in large cities.

"There needs to be a lot more attention paid to the HIV epidemic in the United States," said Dr. Jim Curran, dean of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, and a former AIDS director with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "People need to realize there's still no cure and no vaccine. Our greatest enemy in HIV prevention is ... complacency about our epidemic here."

Last year, 42,136 new AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States, up 2.2 percent from the previous year. The number of gay and bisexual men infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, was up for the third year in a row after a decade of declining numbers.

Health officials say prevention efforts have stalled, and they are changing their strategy from one of preventing new cases to counseling those who already have HIV in an attempt to get them to stop spreading it.

The CDC estimates 850,000 to 950,000 Americans are living with HIV, and nearly 385,000 of those have full-blown AIDS.

"I don't think we're losing the war, but we're certainly not finished with the war," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, a CDC deputy director.

Since 1990, the U.S. HIV infection rate has been constant at 40,000 cases a year. The country is in danger of failing to meet its goal of cutting that number in half by 2005. Not meeting the goal will result in 130,000 more people infected with HIV by 2010 and a health care cost of \$18 billion, researchers estimate.

New threats have emerged: Up to 15 percent of new HIV cases in the country are believed to have drug-resistant strains of the virus.

Other statistics have indicated an increase of risky sexual behavior: Syphilis outbreaks have erupted in recent years among gay men in America's largest cities.

The problem, and the answer, health officials say, lies in prevention. The new generation of sexually active Americans do not remember the devastation of the AIDS epidemic. AIDS-era veterans have suffered burnout from years of good-health messages and safe-sex practices. There's also a lack of concern because of life-extending drugs. Some gay men use the term "pill fatigue" to describe what happens when someone tires of taking HIV medication for many years.

"Part of it is complacency, part of it is indifference — people may know it and they just don't care," said Terje Anderson of the National Alliance of People with AIDS. "Part of it is fatigue — guys have been trying to stay safe for 20 years, how do you keep doing it? At a certain point people are losing their ability to do that and it's very troubling."

At the Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse in Atlanta's Midtown district, customers ponder the changes in the AIDS

epidemic.

"It's not something people want to talk about — it's not in people's faces all the time as 20 years ago," says the bookstore owner, Philip Rafshoon, 42, who has lost friends to the disease. "People want to have sex and it's hard to always remember to have safe sex and it's hard to stop yourself from pushing the limits."

Those interviewed said unsafe sex still was being practiced and prevention messages don't target the restaurants, clubs or bars frequented by gays. Some said there hasn't been nearly enough outreach for young people who are becoming sexually active.

"Nowadays, people cheat — no matter how long you have a partner, always use a condom," said Kenneth Royster, 34.

Demond Campbell, 29, said he tries to be careful but admits there have been one or two times in the past five years when a condom wasn't available.

"(HIV) could be in the back of people's minds until it happens to them," Campbell said. "I think that it's still serious, but since medication, it's a little bit better but still scary."

Both men, who are black, said that there isn't enough emphasis on prevention in the black gay community. Royster said there seem to be more prevention messages during high-profile events, such as Atlanta's gay festivals.

Others say they've been faced with unsafe sex.

"I've had many occasions where I've had people who did not want to (use a condom) and I get rather upset," said Tom, 25, who did not want to give his last name. "It's unnerving seeing how many unprotected casual relationships are out here."

In April, CDC

director Dr. Julie Gerberding, noticing current efforts had stalled, announced a change in the country's HIV prevention strategy. The new focus is on stopping HIV patients from transmitting the virus to others.

That plan also aims to reduce the number of mother-to-child HIV transmissions and to take advantage of a new rapid test for screenings in homeless shelters, drug treatment centers, jails and other non-medical settings.

A new antibody test the CDC will distribute next year will be able to tell if someone has been infected in the last six months. Experts hope it will enable them to pinpoint infection hotspots to control new HIV outbreaks.

The country's previous strategy focused on addressing potentially risky behavior in uninfected people.

"We haven't put as much emphasis on HIV-infected people as we should," Gerberding said then. "It's very important to know who their partners are and to make sure they have access to prevention (and) treatment."

But the strategy has been criticized by AIDS activists, who worry that it focuses too much on people who already have the virus and not enough on people at risk. AIDS groups also are worried they will lose vital funding to pay for the new effort.

Overall, the CDC initiative is a good approach, but prevention campaigns cannot neglect the power of small-group and community-level interventions, Anderson said.

"You've got to recognize the social environment risk happens in," Anderson said. "There's a shared responsibility for prevention and the recognition that (HIV) positives and negatives need a whole range of services. We need an approach that adds to both, not takes away from one."

## Friendster on the rise Gay church?

(AP)-Christian Lesstrang didn't know a soul in Chicago after moving from San Francisco.

So he turned to Friendster.com, a Web site that owes its rapidly growing popularity to a simple but effective formula. Unlike dating sites that disseminate profiles of people looking to meet others, Friendster lets people network only with their friends' other friends — and those people's friends as well.

Browsing through the hundreds of people in his Friendster network, Lesstrang, 32, came across a few in Chicago. He e-mailed them, told them how they were connected and asked if they'd be interested in meeting up. Within a week in his new city, Lesstrang had some get-togethers, and now he has met about 10 people he regularly sees.

"You meet friends and there's really no expectations or anything weird about that," Lesstrang said. "It's just going through life, except through a referral network."

One year after being launched by software engineer Jonathan Abrams, Friendster has attracted a healthy buzz and 1.3 million users — despite no advertising and being officially only in beta, or test mode. The company has spent \$250,000 getting started and operates out of a suite in Sunnyvale, Calif., with a staff of just seven.

Users join Friendster by invitation from a friend or associate.

Becoming a member requires filling out a profile that lists only users' first names, gender, status, date of birth, country, postal code and what they seek from being on Friendster.

Users can add more information and a picture of themselves if they want, and can expand the network by inviting other friends to join. Then users can flip through the profiles of people up to four degrees of separation away.

That leads to a big and rapidly expanding pool of people bound by a common desire to meet other people, whether for dating, friendships or business networking. About 53 percent of the users are male, 47 percent female. The average age is 27.

"In real life, people meet each other through their friends," Abrams said. "I felt a demand for these type of services and wanted to help people meet new people, but there was room for a new approach."

The rise of Friendster and other social networking sites like LinkedIn.com, Ryze.com and Everyonesconnected.com stems from the Internet's power as a grassroots, peer-to-peer medium.

"Social networking tools are going to do well," said Clay Shirky, adjunct professor of interactive telecommunications at New York University and a scholar of Internet communities.

"Friendster's success makes it clear you can meet people without being a dating-only site."

Friendster is free for now, but within a few months, it will take on a subscription model similar to online dating sites. It will remain free to post a profile and view others, but members will have to pay \$8 a month if they want to be able to contact new people, about one-third the price of some dating sites.

Derek Hartley of New York was perusing Friendster one night at 2 a.m. when he came across a familiar name and photo. It was Chuck Griffiths, a friend he had met at a party a few years ago but eventually lost touch with. Taken aback, Hartley took a moment to reflect, read Griffiths' profile, then e-mailed about getting back in touch.

Other users have had romantic experiences.

John Prato of San Francisco originally searched Friendster for users interested in music and cognitive sciences, while Jenae Serena of Seattle was hoping to network with other people in the software industry. As it turns out, they found each other — and have been dating for a few months.

"The best way it can happen," Prato said, "is when you're not looking for it."

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A New Hampshire clergyman moved a step closer Sunday to becoming the first openly gay elected bishop in the Episcopal Church, winning one of two final votes required to be confirmed.

The House of Deputies, a legislative body composed of clergy and lay people from dioceses nationwide, voted to approve the Rev. V. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire. He faces a final vote Monday in the House of Bishops.

Robinson said he felt "very peaceful on the inside" and "very humbled" by the results. He appealed to opponents not to leave the church, but said he would not be responsible if they did.

"I'm carrying a lot on my shoulders," he said. "I'm not going to carry that."

The council and like-minded overseas bishops in the Anglican Communion have said they would consider breaking ties with the denomination if Robinson is confirmed. Episcopalians form the U.S. branch of the 77-million-member global association of churches.

"It is a tragic decision that leads the Episcopal Church to the brink of shattering the Anglican Communion," the council said in a statement.

The House of Deputies used a complex procedure that required clergy and lay people in diocesan delegations to cast separate ballots. Robinson needed a majority of

votes in each delegation to win. In the combined results, 128 delegations voted yes and 63 voted no. The votes of 25 delegations were not counted because their members were divided.

Robinson, a 56-year-old divorced father of two, has lived with his partner, Mark Andrew, for 13 years. If he is confirmed at this week's Episcopal General Convention, it will have an impact far beyond his diocese.

But liberals said the threat has been exaggerated, and note that many conservatives had pledged to break ties before over issues such as ordaining women but did not follow through.


Robinson was elected by his diocese in June, but the church requires that a majority of convention delegates ratify his election. It is rare for the General Convention to reject a diocese's choice of bishop.

A chaplain led the deputies in prayer before their vote. The president of the legislative body had asked them to remain quiet when the results were announced and they complied.

A final vote in favor of Robinson could build momentum for approving blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples, Episcopalians on both sides of the issue say. A decision on the proposed ceremony is expected later in the meeting, which runs through Friday.

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## EDITORIAL

# Airport security measures are a necessary evil

As the nation mourned the devastating toll exacted by hijacked commercial airliners on September 11, 2001, airports around the world pledged to heighten security in order to preempt future tragedies. An episode involving a British Muslim extremist and a pair of high-tops full of plastic explosive only strengthened the resolve of airline security officials.

A greater emphasis on personal searches has, to this point, averted further terrorist actions. It has also chagrined a great number of airline passengers, who feel the searches invade their privacy and hamstring their ability to move efficiently throughout the airport.

Now White House Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has expressed his desire to again raise the bar for airport security. The measures he has proposed would place additional restrictions on passengers from so-called visa waiver countries, whose citizens are allowed to enter the United States without a visa. Ridge told CNN that the measures would "subject these individuals and their baggage to far more rigorous screening than ever before."

The effects of 9/11 have uniformly dampened the mood in American airports. We can no longer meet our friends and relatives when they arrive at the gate. Security personnel, now more conscious of the gravity of their jobs than ever before, have grown brisk and severe. And security policies make no allowances for passengers based on race, age or creed. As sure as young Muslim men must submit to a search of their baggage, elderly Japanese women are forced to empty their purses and remove their shoes and socks.

Many Americans complain that they are being treated like criminals, but these searches cannot be conducted along racial lines—a wide variety of people have an interest in mounting a terrorist attack on the United States, not just those who wear beards and turbans.

To be sure, air travel used to be a sunnier, more enjoyable form of transportation, but ensuring the safety of commercial airline passengers must necessarily trump comfort or fun in a list of the priorities of airport security officials. Rather than pine for what airport travel used to be, we must recognize the need for the offending measures in light of the tragedy of 9/11 and cooperate with security personnel in their efforts to keep all passengers safe. Any and all airport security policies are specifically designed to protect airline passengers and employees. Rather than grouse about a stern airline official, thank him for taking his job seriously.

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## OPINION

# 'Deadhead' U offers comparable curriculum



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Sending their children away to college can be an enormously stressful ordeal for parents. They can no longer protect them from the varied evils of the world, and their waking hours are spent worrying about what could go wrong. Of all the pitfalls college students are prone to—the horrors that await those who forget to wear sandals in the dorm shower, boys that never call, meningitis—there is one uniformly-accepted worst-case scenario: the prospect that their child may choose to reject the constructs of polite society and opt to tour with the Grateful Dead.

Though exact figures are sketchy, the annual fourth-quarter spike in used-Volvo sales indicates that the Grateful Dead perennially claim an alarming percentage of college freshmen, leaving an untold number of devastated family members in their cruel wake. While parental reservations concerning a child's lifestyle choices are to be expected, those whose children choose the path of the Deadhead too often rely on a limited understanding of the movement—they assume, as so many do, that a Deadhead's daily routine consists of ingesting drugs, participating in promiscuous sex and flaunting his mediocrity at some obscure stringed instrument.

This is all true, but only to a certain extent. As I learned when I attended the Dead concert at the Chicago Speedway in Joliet Saturday, at least a few Deadheads take time out from the aforementioned activities to engage in productive endeavors, honing skills they might otherwise have learned in college. In fact, parents who have lost a child to the Grateful Dead should find comfort in the notion that their child is not a college drop-out; they simply transferred to a different sort of university: one with fewer walls and better marijuana, with the benevolent

"Parents who have lost a child to the Grateful Dead should find comfort in the notion that their child is not a college drop-out; they simply transferred to a different sort of university: one with fewer walls and better marijuana."

spirit of Jerry Garcia as its dean. As a public service to the beleaguered parents of newly-minted Deadheads, I've organized the activity I observed within the crude tent city just outside the venue into academic programs analogous to those you might find at a "square" (read *accredited*) university.

**Business/Economics:** See that scruffy kid selling burnt grilled-cheese sandwiches at three dollars a pop? He's learning the nuts and bolts of small business management, knowledge that will serve him well when he finally graduates from his artificially-prolonged adolescence. The tent city positively crackled with various forms of commerce. Makers of hemp jewelry displayed their wares in truck beds and on blankets. Purveyors of elaborately appointed "tobacco pipes" dotted the grounds, as did vendors hawking hand-made clothing and purses. Having assessed the demand among fellow concert-goers for various products, these young entrepreneurs exercise their sur-

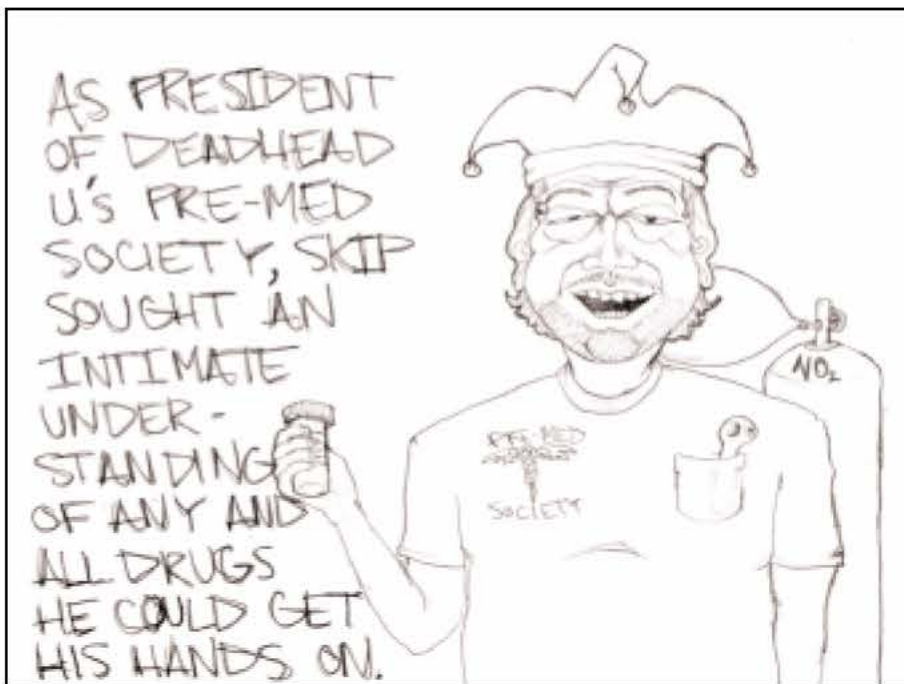
face-level understanding of basic economic principles to great effect. For example, a young woman selling illegally-fortified brownies dumped her entire inventory within a half-hour, while a stand offering vegan sushi (?) attracted few patrons. Lesson learned!

**Art/Fashion Design:** The Deadhead community places an emphasis on the visual arts rarely seen in other segments of the population. Many of the "tobacco pipes" on sale at various booths were breathtakingly ornate, with an emphasis on rococo extravagance sorely lacking in the products of mainstream pipe manufacturers. Other concert-goers displayed and sold posters, exhibiting a sophisticated eye for paintings and photographs depicting Dead members and mushrooms. And for my money, anyone who can make a reasonably attractive sun dress from a burlap sack and an old curtain is one hell of a fashion designer.

**Music:** By the time their extended bus ride has ended, many Deadheads have learned to play a musical instrument. The ability to flail tunelessly at a ukelele or play the bongos more-or-less in time with the *Terrapin Station* album is something every regular attendee at Dead concerts must master. Deadheads also acquire quite an ear for live music. As one might expect, they learn to appreciate cogent, well-organized performances by important, talented artists. Unfortunately, they continue to listen to the Grateful Dead.

There you have it, concerned parent. Your child didn't "run away" to become a Deadhead, he "matriculated" (albeit to the bed of an El Camino). He'll be back eventually, with all the necessary skills and determination to sew hacky-sacks part-time.

Cartoon by Andy McCammon



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# Friends and co-workers bid a very fond farewell to Marge Checkly

By Kenneth Bauer  
VERGE & FEATURE EDITOR

A crowd of about 70 people gathered in the fourth floor conference room of the library Thursday afternoon to say goodbye to a dear and loved friend. Marge Checkly, a 33-year employee of Eastern's Booth Library, began her retirement shortly after the farewell gathering. "She was the nicest person at the library," said Brian Hyder, a microcomputer support specialist for Booth Library.

"I'm really going to miss this place and these people," said a teary-eyed Checkly.

Her 33 years at Eastern has given her a treasure-trove of memories and lasting friendships to take with her.

"The students that I've worked with. I'll remember them the most," Checkly said looking off into the distance. "I had one student worker in 1976 that still calls me on my birthday," Checkly said.

She said she has kept all of the little gifts and mementos she's received that are commonly exchanged between student workers and library faculty as students graduate and move on.

Checkly reflected as to what the library looked like when she first started working there on July 31, 1970.

"The library was very overcrowded back then. It was not nearly as calm as it is now," she said. "It was an exciting and bustling place," she said.

Checkly said the biggest improvement she has seen made in the library from the time she started to now is the opening of the north entrance. It had been closed off and used for storage space until about 13 years after she first started there. "It's such a beautiful entrance and so much more convenient for most students."

Checkly described the now long-gone, curved desk in the north foyer that all students entering the library had to filter past and the big Christmas displays of yesteryear. She described each Christmas at the library as being a unified act of kindness towards the students. "One of the professor's working here would donate the Christmas tree from his land each year and the whole faculty would donate decorations for the tree. The university didn't pay for any of it."

She said that the staff took great pride in decorating the trees that usually reached

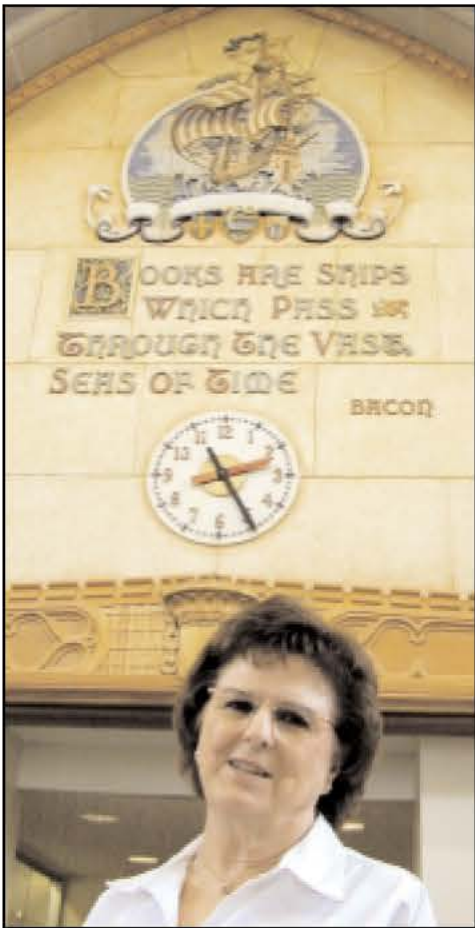


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Marge Checkly poses under her favorite attraction in Booth Library's north foyer.

just short of the 30-foot ceiling.

Checkly began her lengthy stint at Eastern when she and her husband moved from Dallas back to Illinois so he could take a job in Eastern's purchasing department. Her career officially began here as a clerk in the circulation department. The course of her career took her through all but two of the library's departments. She retired Thursday as a library operations assistant.

"Working in the library we all get to be like a big family," said Sue Ellen Eggers, general operations. "I'm saddened she's leaving," Eggers said.

As the staffs on campus see each other



PHOTO BY KENNETH BAUER/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A party celebrating the retirement of Marge Checkly was held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of Booth Library. Affectionate speeches and presentations were given by Eastern staff to honor the co-worker and friend they knew for 33 years.

mature and grow, so has this campus seen the growth of Checkly and her family. Checkly's husband, John, enjoyed a 23-year career at Eastern's purchasing department. Checkly, her husband John, and one of her three daughters, Mara, all graduated from Eastern. Another of her daughters, Kim, attended Eastern before transferring to the University of Illinois. She said earnestly of

their college graduations, "I'm not sure if that would have happened had we stayed in Texas."

Checkly said she plans to stay active and employed following her retirement. She plans on getting her license to sell real estate and has been taking golf lessons all summer.

"I'm not retiring; I'm retreading," she said.

## A look at international social life

# International parties show how to...

By Kenneth Bauer  
VERGE & FEATURE EDITOR

They come from far and wide and offer a dose of cultural diversity the likes of which cannot be gained from simply strolling through a museum or picking up a "National Geographic." They are Eastern's diverse international student population and they enjoy using this summer's fair weather

to cut loose and have a good time.

Whether the occasion be a weekend get together or a birthday celebration, international students always seem to have the tiki torches and barbecue grills close at hand.

One of the biggest differences in the manner that international students conduct birthday celebrations is who pays for the event. While an American birthday party

usually consists of the birthday boy or girl being treated to drinks by friends and family, international students here celebrating their birthdays actually do the treating.

"Americans celebrate their friend who is having the birthday, Europeans having their birthday celebrate the company of their friends and pay for the party," said Johannes Sequeira, a German-graduate student.

Students from Germany, Japan, Bangkok, Czechoslovakia, Serbia, Nigeria, India, Russia, Senegal and Bulgaria can be found attending international parties. There is dancing, singing, limbo, soccer, games and water activities. There's almost always a table full of a culturally diverse foods that each of the guests brings and music from several different countries can always be heard playing.

"When Europeans celebrate it is all about creating a good mood and less about getting really drunk. We do get drunk, but that is not the main focus of the party," said Christian von Gradowski, a German grad-student. "International parties are focused a lot more on the interaction between people attending the party and less about sticking a keg in the middle and drinking beyond



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Beating the heat is not a pasttime only for Americans. International students take advantage of the regions nice summer weather.

what you can handle."

International students point to the freedoms they enjoy in their homelands regarding partying. In most of Europe it is legal to have open alcohol on the street. In Germany it is even legal to have open containers of alcohol in a moving automobile as long as the driver is not drinking and is below a .08 blood-alcohol level.

"In my country it is common to gather a few friends and just walk around and drink and talk to people," said von Gradowski.

"It was really weird to come here and not be able to walk around with open alcohol, usually we grab two or three beers apiece just for the walk to the party," said Sequeira.



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International students enjoy a summer get together celebrating two birthdays



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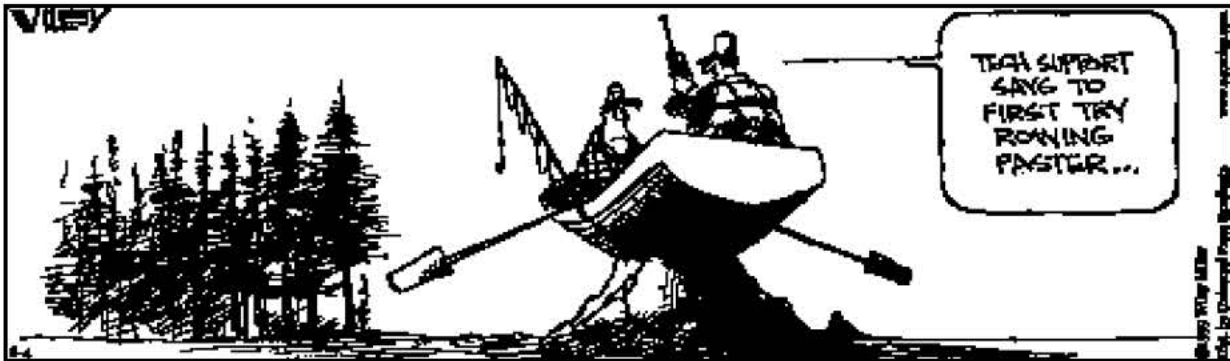
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# National options open for Eastern guard

By Erik Hall  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

This weekend former Eastern point guard Ramon Taylor heads to Rockford hoping to continue to pursue his goal of playing professional basketball.

The Continental Basketball Association's Rockford Lightning are holding an open try out on Saturday for 50 aspiring basketball players to have an opportunity to play for the team during the 2003-2004 season.

"I'm just really wanting to play," Taylor said. "I'm just focusing on playing ball right now."

The Lightning are coming off a successful season where head coach Chris Daleo was named the CBA coach of the year. Should Taylor make the team, he would have the opportunity to play with Ronnie Fields, Kevin Garnett's sidekick at Chicago

Farragut High School.

Fields received First-Team All-CBA recognition during the 2002-2003 season.

The CBA does not remain Taylor's only option to play basketball next season. Taylor plans to work out for the National Basketball Developmental League in October.

"It (the NBDL) depends on how things go with the CBA team," Taylor said. "I don't know what I'm going to do next. Those are my options right now."

On Sunday, former Eastern player Henry Domercant said he would be playing basketball next season in Europe. For Taylor, he continues to look for an opportunity to play closer to home in the United States.

"I can't really say what's going to happen," Taylor said. "It's looking pretty good here instead of overseas right now. If an opportunity comes overseas, I'll have to

look at that."

In a Daily Eastern News story earlier this summer (July 21, "Three Panther players want into pro basketball; coach getting out"), Eastern men's basketball head coach Rick Samuels said that Taylor was looking to possibly play with a team in England.

Since then Taylor's broadened his overseas perspective and no longer wanting to limit where he would be willing to play in Europe.

"I'm open to taking any other options that come my way," Taylor said. "I'm not exactly eliminating overseas, I just don't have many options right now over there."

In early July, Taylor had the opportunity to participate in the NBA's Denver Nuggets' rookie camp for two days. Taylor said that the experience with the Nuggets will help him for his try out with the Lightning.

Coming out of the Nuggets' camp, Taylor

said his conditioning he particularly needed to improve.

"(My) condition was a real factor," Taylor said. "That's the main thing really, condition and knowing what to expect pretty much."

"I've actually got to see what the options are and see where we stand with them and what they're expecting and what they want from me. Basically see what they want me to do."

Taylor played for Eastern from 2001-2003. During the 2002-2003 season, Taylor scored 52 points, gave out 21 assists and recorded 13 steals playing during 21 of Eastern's 29 games.

"My chances are looking good, but I really couldn't say what I'll do right now," Taylor said.

## Vina: Cardinals can keep talent and success

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washed up or never-will-be pitcher from a team out of the pennant race.

Let Vina play second base, the National League hasn't had a better fielder than Vina either of the last two seasons. Vina also owns the playoff experience of leading the Cardinals to the National League Championship Series against the San Francisco Giants.

Keep Hart in the everyday lineup too, my suggestion is Hart to right field. Mr. Nagging Injury (J.D. Drew) can play left field when he's healthy.

Then where do you put soon-to-be 2003 National League MVP Albert Pujols?

First base.

During Saturday's Cardinal game in New York at the Mets, ancient Tino Martinez got a break after the sixth inning and Pujols filled in at first base. During the KMOX-AM broadcast of the game, Cardinal

announcer Mike Shannon said he felt Pujols was talented enough to win a Rawlings Gold Glove playing first base.

Would it hurt to have a veteran like Martinez coming off the bench in October? No.

Also, the American League hosts the World Series this year (thanks to the new All-Star game format). Who better to have as the designated hitter in Yankee Stadium or Safeco Field than Martinez who's played in both cities for extended periods of time?

There's no one.

Now I've given you my solution to having two extremely talented second basemen on the same team.

To La Russ and Jocketty, my advice is keep the gold gloves in St. Louis and then when Vina decides to end his own career you've got a replacement waiting in right field.

## Fasnacht: Derek Fasnacht gives Eastern the possibility of an all Trojan relay team

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country.

"I don't think I'm going to do it," Fasnacht said of competitively running five mile races. "The distance didn't catch my eye too well."

Along with not using cross country as his fall track practices, Fasnacht expects some additional changes from what he did during high school track.

"I think there is a lot more time involved, a couple two or three hours a day and lifting every day," Fasnacht said. "In high school lifting wasn't near as much as it's going to be (in college). I think it's going to be a lot harder training, but I'm defiantly ready for it."

Fasnacht joining Eastern's team will give the Panthers enough Trojan runners that they could make up their own relay. Fasnacht and Erik Werden will be freshman next year and will be joining sophomores Sean Kelly and McNamer.

When Fasnacht was planning to go to Ball State, Werden was still going to be a Panther. Now that the two will be teammates, Fasnacht is excited about the idea.

"It's going to be pretty fun," Fasnacht said. "Me and him hang out

every day. I'm excited about getting to practice with him and getting to see him run still."

The opportunity to continue track in college fulfilled an objective Fasnacht has sought to achieve since he was a high school sophomore.

"I've always loved running track so I just wanted to continue," Fasnacht said.

But he doesn't want to just continue, he wants to continue to enjoy success.

"I want to be one of the better guys on the team," Fasnacht said. "I want to run in every meet and I would like to place in conference. Time wise, I don't have any goals right now. I really haven't thought about it (times) too much."

Akers sure would like to see Fasnacht meet all of his objectives for his first season at Eastern.

"Any successes and scoring points for us in the conference meet; all of those are obviously big bonuses," Akers said. "You always hope for big impacts from your freshman coming in. With most freshmen the key thing we want to see is the acclamation of getting used to the college life and our training program."

Seeing him compete is not enough for Akers to know the adjustment Fasnacht will make to college running. Akers won't be able to decide that until he's seen the former Trojan runner in practice.

"As you look in from the outside, training wise, it's hard to say until he or any one reacts to the type of training we do here at the college level," Akers said. "How hard he works in practice; that is still yet to be discovered. What I've see in the competitive area is that he is an intense competitor."

While Akers is getting to know Fasnacht, Edwards has worked with the talented Fasnacht for the past four track seasons.

"He's determined and he's very competitive," Edwards said. "His level of athleticism is such that I think he can step right in and help Eastern's track program. I just think he's a great athlete."

"Him and Erik are just great athletes and they will do whatever it takes to be successful."

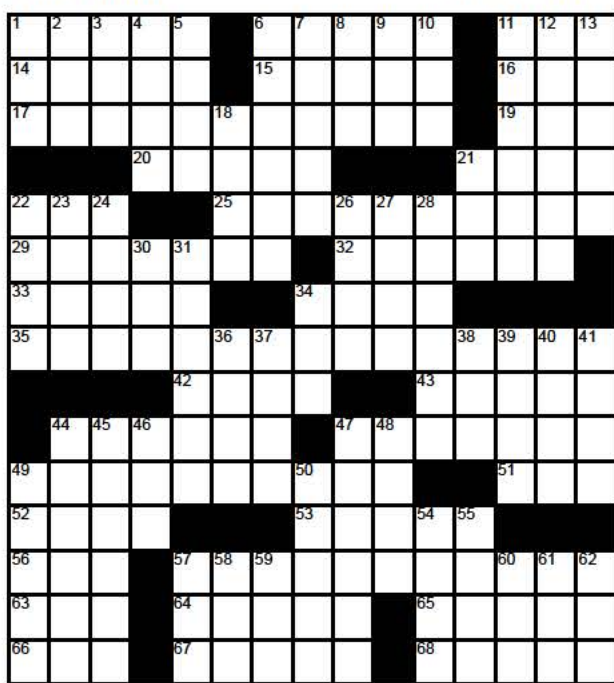
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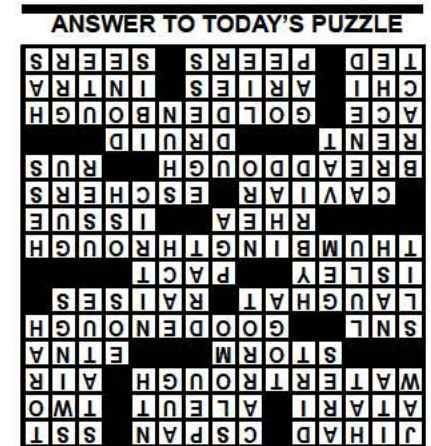
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  - 17 Where horses drink
  - 19 Tire filler
  - 20 Tempest
  - 21 Mount in Sicily
  - 22 Show on which the Blues Brothers debuted: Abbr.
  - 25 Sufficient
  - 29 Make fun of
  - 32 Elevates
- DOWN**
- 33 The \_\_\_ Brothers of 1960's-70's R & B
  - 34 Treaty
  - 35 Flipping pages
  - 42 Ostrichlike bird
  - 43 Magazine
  - 44 Delicacy with Champagne
  - 47 Certain whimsical Dutch lithographs
  - 49 It's kneaded
  - 51 Moscow's land: Abbr.
  - 52 It may be due on a duplex
  - 53 Stonehenge worshiper
  - 56 Top flier
  - 57 Mythical pass to the underworld
  - 63 "The Sweetheart of Sigma \_\_\_"

- 64 Sign before Taurus
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- 66 Baseball legend Williams
- 67 Looks closely (at)
- 68 Prophets
- 1 Target of a punch, maybe
- 2 "Give \_\_\_ rest!"
- 3 Derby or bowler
- 4 Greek war god
- 5 Gossip
- 6 Rabbit's treat
- 7 Replay feature
- 8 Little, in Lille
- 9 Mo. before Labor Day
- 10 Ultimate ordinal
- 11 Display on a pedestal
- 12 Equipment near teeter-totters
- 13 Synagogue scroll
- 18 Roman Senate wear
- 21 Dawn goddess
- 22 Skirt opening
- 23 "Candy / Is dandy / But liquor / Is quicker" poet
- 24 Lollapalooza
- 26 "Phooey!"
- 27 Individually
- 28 Kind of acid
- 30 Opal or onyx



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- 31 Gas-electric car, e.g.
- 34 Org. for Tiger Woods
- 36 "If \_\_\_ a Hammer"
- 37 Poisoner of Britannicus
- 38 \_\_\_ Kosh B'Gosh
- 39 Not an abstainer
- 40 Knowledgeable one
- 41 Dame Myra
- 44 Christmas display
- 45 Poem with the story of the Trojan horse
- 46 Big wine holder
- 47 Exit
- 48 Avoid
- 49 Leaflike appendage
- 50 Milk giver
- 54 Everglades wader
- 55 Ready to be removed from the oven
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- 59 Fib
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## SPORTS

## THROW IT DOWN

Erik Hall  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITORKeep two  
basemen  
in St. Louis

We are into our final week and second to last edition of this summer's Daily Eastern News, which makes this my final column of the summer.

If you are tired of hearing about the antics of the basketball and track teams at Charleston Middle School and all the Charleston athletes becoming Eastern athletes, then begin your celebration. This is my final week writing for the Daily Eastern News in the foreseeable future.

So as I'm about to walk away from my position as Associate Sports Editor, I will fight for a guy who shouldn't lose his position at his place of work, Fernando Vina.

The St. Louis Cardinal won his second consecutive Rawlings Gold Glove in 2002 for his defensive excellence and had the third fewest strikeouts per plate appearance in the majors during 2002.

Despite these accomplishments just last season, Vina's name received mention Thursday night by ESPN's Peter Gammons (puppet general manager of the Boston Red Sox) as being on the trading block when he returns from the disabled list in August.

The emerging Bo Hart would be the replacement for the highly successful Vina.

Remember the last time that Tony La Russa had a middle infielder with a bright future and wanted to replace a veteran. It was just in 1996 when Royce Clayton forced Ozzie "The Wizard of Oz" Smith into retirement.

Clayton could not field the position the way the Hall of Fame Redbird could and it took a trade for Edgar Renteria during the Florida Marlin's fire sale to acquire the current replacement for Smith. Can anyone even tell me where Clayton is playing now?

I don't want to see the Cardinals stuck with a one-year wonder trying to replace a consistent veteran. A hamstring injury put Vina on the disabled list 40 games into the 2003 season, but this Cardinal is far from injury prone.

In Vina's previous two seasons in St. Louis, Vina played an average of 152 games a year.

Hopefully, these are just rumors that St. Louis general manager Walt Jocketty continues to shop Vina despite Hart having proven himself a capable major leaguer over just 40 games.

Hart started fast and continued to wow the faithful in Busch Stadium, but an on-base percentage of .366 over 40 games for Hart should not be considered as comparable to Vina's career on-base percentage of .351. Vina's stats cover 4,038 at bats, Hart's faced major league pitching in only 174 at-bats.

Everyone that watches baseball knows the Cardinals need pitching, but Vina does not need to be sacrificed to get some

SEE VINA ♦ Page 7

Elimination of Ball State's track  
program benefits Eastern's teamBy Erik Hall  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

During the spring track season, Eastern seemed out of the candidacy for one of the most versatile athletes in the state as Charleston's Derek Fasnacht verbally committed to run at Ball State.

Then in June, Ball State announced plans to eliminate their men's track program following the 2003-2004 season.

"I was disappointed at first," Fasnacht said. "I still have got a good college to go to. I wasn't left out to dry."

Eastern men's track and field head coach Tom Akers showed interest in Fasnacht at the IHSA Track and Field State Finals.

"We were very interested and heard he was leaning toward Ball State," Akers said. "Actual contact and talking to him came around state time."

When Fasnacht no longer had Ball State to lean on, he fell into Eastern's lap.

"It improves our team a lot," said Scott McNamer a sophomore on Eastern's track team and a three-year teammate of Fasnacht's at Charleston. "We already have a lot of talent, but he can make a pretty big impact because he's a good athlete."

"Good athlete" may be an understatement describing Fasnacht. During his four track seasons at Charleston, Fasnacht competed in every event save the pole vault, discus and shot put.

"He's probably the most versatile athlete I've ever seen," said Charleston High School track coach Bob Edwards. "The variety of sports that he can do and excel in is a lot better than anyone I've ever seen."

The variety of events that Fasnacht is skilled at has Akers thinking of using him in the decathlon eventually.

"Decathlon, I've definitely given that some thought as well," Akers said. "He would have to work on highs (hurdles) and pole vaulting."

The plan to use him in the decathlon would be late in his



Derek Fasnacht runs a cross country race on St. Anthony High School's course in Effingham. Fasnacht received a scholarship to run for Eastern's track team and begins practice Sept. 2.

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Eastern career, but Akers sees Fasnacht's immediate impact coming in the 400-meter hurdles.

"His freshman year we want to pick an area where he will be able to make the biggest contribution to the team and feel successful," Akers said. "Sometimes that (the decathlon) can be a little overwhelming."

"His greatest opportunity to contribute to our program lies in the 400 hurdles. I think that's a highly untapped area."

Fasnacht did not compete in his first 300-meter hurdle race until the conference meet at the end of his junior year and had not prac-

ticed 300-meter hurdles until the week preceding the 2002 Apollo Conference Meet.

(The 300-meter hurdles is the longest hurdle race in high school.)

"With as little work as he's done on the hurdles, he's got room for vast improvement there," Akers said. "That's an area I have a keen interest in as a former 400 hurdle runner myself."

Despite his minimal work in the 300-meter hurdles in high school, Fasnacht established a new school record with a time of 38.9 seconds. That was one of four school records that Fasnacht helped set at Charleston along with the 800-

meter relay, 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay.

Running the anchor 800 for the 2003 state champion 3,200-meter relay was just part of the distance work Fasnacht did as a Trojan runner. He ran cross country for three seasons reaching the state finals in 2001.

"He's a great all around athlete," said Derrick Landrus, Charleston High School men's cross country head coach. "He can run and jump. He's good at about anything he does. That's going to be to his benefit."

Landrus also coached Fasnacht during Fasnacht's freshman basketball season. Landrus played basketball at Eastern from 1991-1995 and knows first hand the difficulties of making the transition from high school to college athletics.

"Everyone's on a level playing field to start," Landrus said. "He'll see the difference once he gets to the first practice and realizes everyone else is as good as him or maybe even a little better than him to start."

Despite competing and enjoying three years of success in cross country, Akers doesn't expect Fasnacht will be donning the blue and grey for cross country in the next four years.

"We haven't talked about it; in high school it (cross country) is a little different," Akers said. "You step up from a three mile to a five mile race in college and for a 400 (meter) hurdler it is considered over distance."

In high school, cross country is fall practice for track, but in college they don't need a separate sport to prepare for the spring season.

"One of the things, our fall track program begins Sept. 2," Akers said. "We are getting into our general preparation for the indoor season that is a little more specific to the events he will be competing in for the indoor track season."

Fasnacht plans to take full advantage of the fall practices instead of continuing to run cross

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## Badminton is all in the family at Eastern

By Holly Henschen  
SPORTS REPORTER

Badminton is a family affair for the Husseys.

Bob Hussey began the Junior Badminton Camp at Eastern in 1975, he was a professor of physical education at the time. The next year his son Kevin won the National Collegiate Men's Singles Badminton Championship while playing for Eastern.

The camp went on for seven summers from 1975 to 1983, while Kevin traveled the world mastering badminton. He attended the Badminton World Championships in Canada and China.

Kevin played in the open ranks for approximately 15-20 years. He ranked fifth in United States Men's Singles open division.

Kevin later accepted a position at Northern Illinois University. He decided to offer a summer badminton camp there, to cater to the sporting com-



A camper improves on badminton in McAfee Gymnasium.

community in the area.

In 1995, Kevin returned to Eastern as an associate professor in the Physical Education department. Then Kevin re-established the Eastern's Junior Badminton Camp with the help of his family.

The camp is now in its

eighth summer, and began holding two sessions last year to meet demand.

Kevin runs the camp with his brothers Dan, Kelly and Tom and sister Kathy. Bob Hussey also lends his expertise to the camp.

Nephew Steven has attended Junior Badminton Camp at Eastern for four years as a player, and was a counselor for the first time this summer.

Kevin said the productive bonding experience is like a family reunion.

"They're sincere about what they're trying to accomplish with kids," he said of his family's involvement in the camp.

The camp trains attendees for seven hours daily in the four day long sessions.

Seventy schools are active in IHSA badminton. Most of the schools are in the Chicago area, Hussey said.

The camp has grown substantially since its



Campers from the badminton camp scrimmage during their camp in McAfee Gym.

reinitiation in 1995. The first camp had 37 attendees. This summer, 135 campers attended Junior Badminton Camp.

"Our mission is to advance them in skill level cognitively, and give them food for thought," Kevin

said of the campers.

Badminton has been an Olympic sport since 1992.

"Though (United States) Badminton is not highly competitive on the world scene, it may be someday, and my campers may be competing," Hussey said.