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## Meeting the city

### Mayoral and city council candidates meet informally with the public

By KYLE MAYHUGH  
STAFF WRITER

As people trickled into the room, candidates waited in front of their tables. Within minutes, small groups had formed around each of them as Charleston voters got their chance to bend the ears of Charleston City Council candidates.

Unopposed mayoral candidate John Inyart joked with a few that he "needed their vote" next Tuesday. Two members of an Eastern-based political organization floated from table to table. Candidate Lorelei Sims handed out T-shirts competing her candidacy.

The candidate "meet and greet" in the Worthington Inn was sponsored by Inyart who paid for it out of his campaign funds. More than 60 people had signed in within the first hour.

"I'm tickled to death with (the turnout)," Inyart said. "It was exactly what I had hoped for."

He said the tone of his conversations were mostly friendly with a little politics mixed in and acknowledged that his unopposed race put him "in a unique position to do this."

Christy Anderson, a sophomore history major, and Brian Bartels, a freshman accounting major, said they

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JOHN INYART, MAYORAL CANDIDATE

were there on behalf of the EIU Republicans.

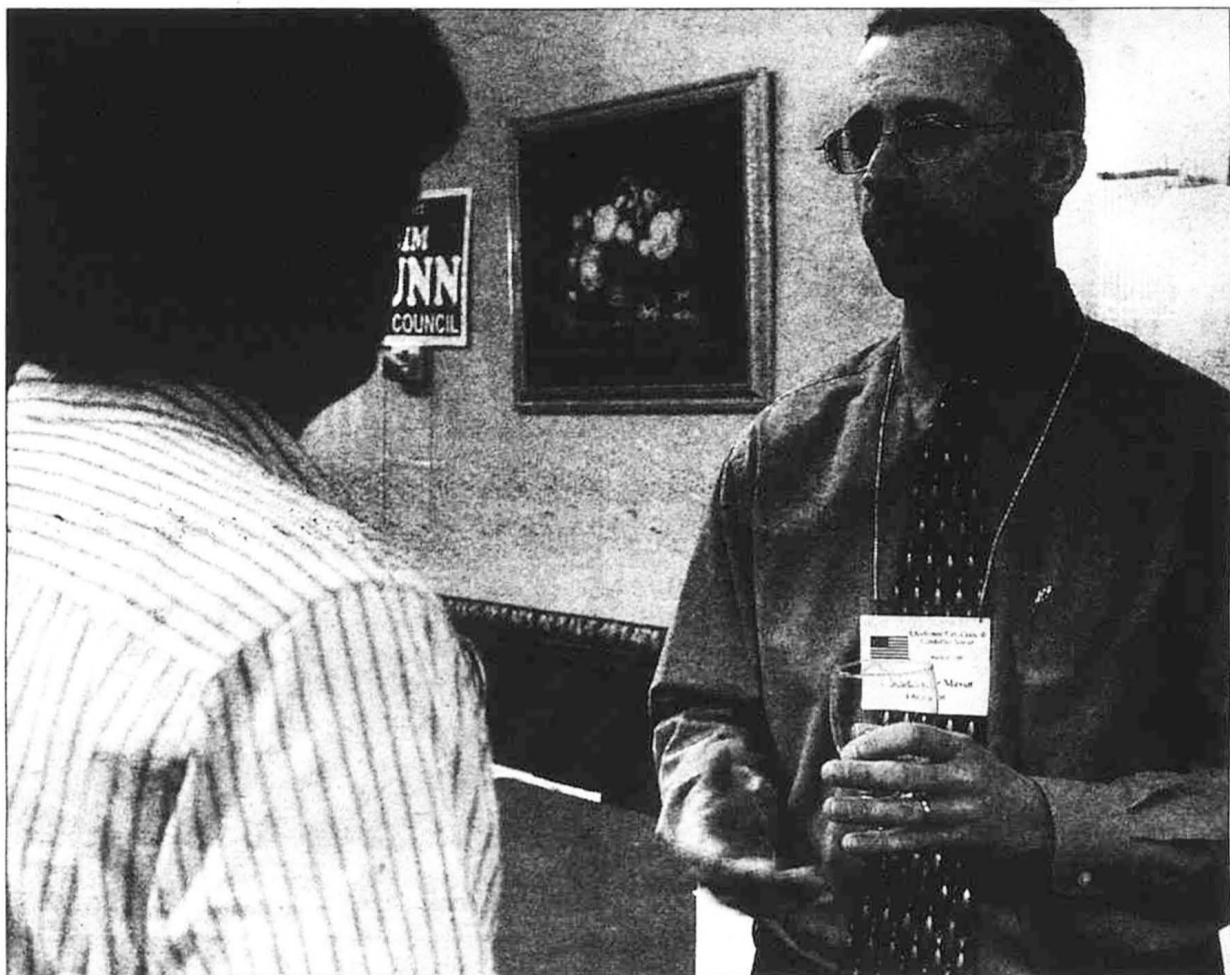
"I think it's a great way to get to know them," Anderson said. "We're just kind of trying to get noticed and (get) our name out there."

Candidate Brent Byrd said several people had brought up the issue of dealing with abandoned buildings.

"It's been pretty much politics, especially empty buildings. I've always had a strong stance on that, so people seem to find me to talk about it," he said, adding that he was nervous when he pulled into the parking lot and saw the number of cars.

The most talked-about issue of the day was University Village, the proposed student-housing complex, which was put on hold after a pre-annexation agreement with the city was not passed by the council.

"A majority of the people want to talk about it," said candidate Tom



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

John Inyart, candidate for mayor, talks with 18-year-old Charleston native Blake Coffey, who will be voting for the first time Tuesday, during the meet and greet Thursday evening at the Worthington Inn on Lincoln Avenue. Inyart paid for the event with his campaign funds.

Watson, whose flier politely asked voters to "please...elect" him. "(Community members) think there are still a lot of questions to be answered about it. They aren't sure it's necessary."

Mary Ann Rennels, wife of candi-

date Larry Rennels, wore a name tag identifying her connection to the candidate. She said she appreciated the opportunity to get to know people from around town.

"I think it's a great idea," she said. "A lot of people have asked what he's

brought to the council in his time there."

Inyart said he hoped the event would bring out more voters to the election on Tuesday. "That was the idea," he said. "I certainly hope it works out."

## Shared duties and format benefit Faculty Senate elections

By JENNIFER PERHAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The last two days Eastern faculty have had the opportunity to vote for faculty who will serve on councils and committees representing the university in its decision-making processes.

The Faculty Senate 2005 Elections allowed faculty to vote for candidates on 10 councils and nine committees for fall 2005. Some of the committees and councils that were on the ballot were Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs and Council on University Planning and Budget.

Faculty Senate members took turns helping with the voting process.

"As always the election is important because these candidates will determine decisions on university-wide councils that effect potentially every department on campus," said senate member John Allison.

"The whole voting process is a service to the university and students and provides shared governance," said senate member Assege Haile Mariam.

Senate member John Pommier has helped with faculty elections in the past

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JOHN POMMIER, SENATE MEMBER

and was pleased with how smoothly the voting process went this year.

"I have helped with elections for several years and was impressed with the supervisor-friendly voting system," Pommier said.

When faculty arrived to vote, each academic department was listed with a ballot number to give the person voting the correct ballot.

"This was a much simpler process and will help make sure we do not make mistakes," Pommier said.

Faculty who voted in the election spoke about the importance of the election.

"Getting concerned and active faculty to serve on committees helps the university to better fulfill its mission in providing better education for students," said Tim Shonk, associate professor of English.

Jean Wolski, chair of the election



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jane Wayland, department chair of the school of business, casts her ballot in the faculty election Thursday morning in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

committee, said those selected to serve on committees and councils will be contacted and asked if they agree to serve in their elected positions.

The senate will then ratify the names and those elected will be announced at the April 12 Faculty Senate meeting.

## Making the effort

### Required sexual harassment tests online a main focus for Eastern

By APRIL MCLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

In order to better understand sexual harassment and the university's policy, employee supervisors and all student workers are required to take online sexual harassment prevention training.

"It is part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that students have a positive academic and work experience at Eastern," said Rob Miller, associate director of civil rights. "Eastern is very serious about eliminating discrimination and harassment, and we want to make sure that students understand our policies."

The course will take approximately 25 minutes to complete and can be completed at [www.eiu.edu/~training/](http://www.eiu.edu/~training/). The password for the Web site is eiu37.

Miller said that Eastern is one of the first universities in Illinois to require sexual harassment training for new employees.

The test begins with the definition of sexual harassment as "any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that inter-

feres with a student's ability to learn."

It continues with examples, a historical view on sexual harassment along with scenarios and questions to follow.

Jessica Wendling, junior special education and elementary education major, has already completed the training and said it was "very easy."

"I don't know if I learned anything more," she said. "Most of it was common sense."

While she said she does not think sexual harassment is a big problem on campus, she still believes it is something that should be addressed.

Memos were released with current payroll checks this week, and Miller said there have been a few hundred employees who have already completed the training. He said he has appreciated the positive response thus far.

"I appreciate the great response we have had from student workers over the past couple of days," Miller said.

TODAY  
**54**  
35  
Showers

SATURDAY  
**54**  
33  
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY  
**63**  
46  
Partly cloudy

MONDAY  
**66**  
49  
Partly cloudy

TUESDAY  
**67**  
51  
Isolated T-Storms

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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

**11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** College of Sciences Excellence in Use of Technology Award Winner Showcase in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

**1 to 4 p.m.** Taking the Pain Out of Grading: Yours, Theirs and Ours in Lumpkin Hall, Room 2020. Dr. Marilla Svinicki from the University of Texas at Austin, a leader in the field of faculty development, will present a workshop on grading. The most contentious part of faculty/student interactions center around the process of assigning grades.

**7 to 8:30 p.m.** Eastern Chapter National Speech-Language-Hearing Association Campaign. NSSLHA Eastern Chapter supports the Loves Campaign for the Association of Rare Diseases. On the evening of April 7, NSSLHA will be hosting a purse and jewelry party. A percentage of proceeds will be donated to the NSSLHA Loves Campaign.

**10 p.m. to 1 a.m.** Hot Dog sale in front of Old Main. Hot dogs are only a dollar.

**2 a.m. Sunday** Set clocks ahead



#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

### Obama pushes Pell Grant

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN— Sen. Barack Obama spoke at a news conference at the Illini Union at the University of Illinois on Wednesday to promote a bill increasing the maximum award of Pell Grants — the first piece of legislation he will introduce as a member of the U.S. Senate.

The bill, the Higher Education Through Pell Grant Expansion Act, or HOPE Act, would increase the maximum award from \$4,050 and \$5,100 per year. Increases in the maximum grant would also be tied to inflation, he said.

#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

### ROTC still top-notch

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE— The ongoing U.S. military conflicts in the Middle East are taking a toll on military enlistment, said an army official Tuesday, making February the first month since May 2000 that recruiters failed a monthly recruitment mission.

Despite the Army running into recruiting difficulties for the 2005 fiscal year, the ROTC program at Southern Illinois University has not experienced the same problems.

"We had an opening enrollment this fall of 106, and that is on par with every other year I have been here," Shurt said.

### TRIMMING THE TREE



MICHELLE ARNOLD/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

All Pro Tree Service cuts down long branches by Doudna Fine Arts Center making way for construction to start soon.

### WTF?

## Mailman steals mail

FRANKLIN, Ind. (AP)— Some city residents could soon get letters nearly 10 years old after police found several bags and boxes of undelivered mail in a postal worker's home, authorities said.

Police were investigating a domestic dispute at mailman Glenn Snow's home when officers found first-class mail dating from 1996 to 1999, police said.

A female roommate told police Snow did not deliver the mail because it was too much, according to a police report.

The mail is more than five years old so Snow likely will not face charges of theft because the statute of limitations has passed, Franklin Police Chief John Borges said.

For Snow to be charged, police would have to find mail dated after March 29, 2000, police said.

Postal inspectors in Indianapolis were holding the mail, and Rob Ford, the officer in charge of the Franklin Post Office, said all of it will be delivered to residents in the city about 20 miles south of Indianapolis.

### PEOPLE

## Spears lashes out at press

NEW YORK (AP)— Tired of pregnancy reports, Britney Spears is lashing out at tabloid magazines. "Do you, Us Weekly, In Touch, Star and other desperate magazines want employees who are honest, or those who are liars?" Spears writes in a posting on her Web site addressed "Dear False Tabloids."

Rumors have recently swirled that the 23-year-old pop star is pregnant and that her marriage to Kevin Federline is on the rocks. Spears didn't specifically address either issue, but instead asked magazines for some self-examination.

"Your employees are a reflection of your magazine," she writes in her posting. "I'm really concerned about the people you hire to work at your companies."

"I'd like them to ask themselves the question, 'What am I lying to myself about?' Is it that you are 50 pounds overweight? Is it that your children aren't making wise decisions? Or is it maybe that your husband or boyfriend is cheating on you?"

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### END WF/WF-DROPS

#### BINGO

A free Greek Week Event

#### PHOTOSHOP, PART 1

Workshop that covers fundamental components of Photoshop when modifying an image.

#### ALL DAY

#### 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

#### LIBRARY QUAD

#### 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

#### CATS TRAINING LAB, McAFEE 1216

### ONLINE POLL

What businesses would you like to see open at the former location of the Hardee's building?

- A) Starbucks. I miss it dearly when I am in Charleston. 19%
- B) Chipotle Mexican Restaurant. The more Mexican food available, the better. 14%
- C) A new Jimmy John's. I just can't get enough! 3%
- D) Applebee's. Charleston needs more sit down restaurants. 64%

VOTE @ THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS.COM

### COUNTING DOWN

# 14

Days until taxes are due.

### WORD DU JOUR

volatile:

1. tending or threatening to break out into open violence; explosive
2. evaporating rapidly; passing off readily in the form of vapor

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# Renovated to perfection

## Positively 4th Street Records offers more with new remodel

BY DAVID KUMA AND BRIAN GARTLAN  
STAFF WRITERS

Positively 4th Street Records is not only named after its location on Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue, but it is a play on words of an old Bob Dylan song.

The store decided to rise up by adding an upstairs expansion of 2,150 square feet, said Kirby Johnson, owner of Positively 4th Street Records.

The renovations, which included Johnson's hands-on labor, began June 15 and took eight weeks to complete before opening prior to Eastern students coming back for the fall semester.

"(The upstairs now) was just a roof," he said.

The 14-year-old business expanded to increase sales and to establish a long-term contact in Charleston, Johnson said.

The store includes a variety of entertainment from music to movies (DVD's and VHS's) and books.

The store also includes racks of compact discs and cassettes ranging from rock's Modest Mouse, Phish and Pink Floyd to classical, soundtracks, reggae, blues, country, rap and jazz's Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong.

Although Positively 4th Street Records is a place to buy newly released music, it offers decorative afghan blankets, clothing, incense, jewelry and tobacco products, as well.

The west side of the store has a full-



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**Brook Mollocha and Ron Orsborn, both from Greensboro, check out a poster on the second level of Positively 4th Street Records on Thursday evening.**

length clothes section with Billabong and Split hooded sweatshirts, sandals, sunglasses and bathing suits.

The movies are available for sale along with the possibility of rentals, Johnson said.

He said they are always open to suggestions as to what students want.

The store also expanded its selection of Eastern and Greek apparel and novelty items when it purchased the remaining inventory from now closed Village Emporium, he said.

The store is handling the increase of merchandise by "gradually moving

(objects within the store) around to suit the customers the best," said Josh Shearer, a senior art education major and employee at Positively 4th Street Records since August.

The store also provides an outlet for local artists to sell and distribute their music, said Catherine Gall, an Eastern graduate and manager at Positively 4th Street.

Johnson also owns stores at Western Illinois University and Indiana State University, which are similar to the setup of Positively 4th Street Records, he said.

# College of Nursing good until 2012

## Standards have been met, relief to all; Students come from both coasts to Lakeview

BY HOLLY MOHR  
STAFF WRITER

Lakeview College of Nursing measured up to the standards it needed to meet for the 2005 re-creditation.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission re-accredited the college through 2012, and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education re-accredited it through 2010.

"We're thrilled to be accredited at the level we are," said Amy McFadden, coordinator of recruitment and marketing for Lakeview.

Lakeview has been nationally accredited since 1996, said Kirste Henderson, secretary of Lakeview's Danville campus.

Henderson said being accredited is important because students from all over, from California to Maryland, come to Lakeview.

McFadden said the number-one question prospective students ask her is whether or not the college is accredited.

"People are looking for a college that's accredited," said McFadden. "Being accredited makes my job a lot easier."

Lakeview has an enhanced profile on [www.allnursingschools.com](http://www.allnursingschools.com).

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AMY MCFADDEN, COORDINATOR OF RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING FOR LAKEVIEW COLLEGE

Of the many colleges listed on the Web site, Lakeview's site has the most detailed information to draw prospective students, McFadden said. A large number of Lakeview's out-of-state students found out about the college from the Web site, she said.

Lakeview is one of three colleges on the Web site that has an accelerated track. A student can receive a bachelor of science degree in nursing within 16 months on the accelerated track, McFadden said.

"Students should know that all prerequisites must be met before applying to the college," Henderson said.

Lakeview has two locations, one in Danville and one at Eastern.

# Charleston High School band sponsors donkey basketball

BY KYLE MAYHUGH  
STAFF WRITER

The Charleston High School band program will sponsor four games of donkey basketball beginning at 7 p.m. today in Baker Gymnasium of the Charleston High School.

Donkey basketball involves two teams of four players, each riding donkeys and trying to get the ball through

the hoop on a basketball court.

The donkeys will be wearing special nylon shoes to prevent markings on the gym floor.

The event is a fund-raiser for the band, with tickets priced at \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

Band director Clay Dugger said this is the second consecutive year the band will use donkey basketball for a fund-raising project.

"We did it last year, and it raised almost more than all of our other fundraisers combined," Dugger said, adding his goal for this year's event is \$3,000.

The money raised will go toward purchasing equipment and other general expenses for the band.

Dugger will play on the teacher's team. Other teams will be the administration/school board team, community team and students team. The tourna-

ment will involve two first-round games, a championship game between the winners and a consolation game.

Dugger said he learned something from his participation last year in the donkey basketball tournament.

"Just stay on it," he said. "That's the hardest part."

The games' announcers will both be Eastern faculty members-

economics associate professor Tim Mason and communications studies instructor Jim Coleman.

Mason said he was selected to announce the game after Dugger saw him directing an event raising funds for an organization that helps foreign exchange students.

"He said 'my regular guy won't be there' and asked me to do it," Mason said.

# STU'S

weekend

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friday

**\$2.50** Heinekin, Corona  
Amstel Light,  
Bud Light &  
Miller Lite

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saturday

**\$2.50** Captain Morgan &  
Jack Daniel's Mixers

CELEBRATE GREEK WEEK @ STUS

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**5 April 2005**

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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### COLUMN

## Intramural Sports: Now that's more like it



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I played sports all throughout my childhood. In my neighborhood I was always picked for teams before most of the guys. As for organized sports, one year of soccer, four years of basketball and six years of softball ended before my sophomore year in high school, and any bit of athleticism in me probably no longer exists.

Although I never was the star of the team, I was good, especially at softball. Thinking back to what ruined it for me, I can remember one recurring incident to blame.

"Griffith! Stop laughing and act like you just lost!" Coach Carter would yell at me as I sat in the back of the bus, trying to entertain myself on the ride home from yet another loss.

I couldn't help it; I had fun regardless of whether or not we won.

I realized high school sports were too competitive, and they weren't for me. Even though the coach asked me to try out sophomore year, I gave up. I haven't played organized softball since, and I miss it.

I miss getting psyched for a game, warming up with friends, running the bases and swinging the bat. The metallic "crack" of an Easton bat hitting a ball to this day sends chills down my spine.

However, I don't miss getting yelled at or avoiding one of my best friends for hours to let her cool off after a game. She was on the extreme, and I was the other.

I found a solution to my problem: intramurals.

Where else can a student join an Ultimate Frisbee team, play Bags competitively or play softball without having to worry about possessing overwhelming athletic ability?

The games last four weeks, teams play an average of five games and everything is paid for by student fees, said Kevin Linker, director of intramural sports.

Time restraints stopped me from signing up this year, and when I found out the deadline to enter a team late is this week, I haven't found enough people to play. But that's not going to stop

me from signing up next year and checking out a game or two this spring.

I have a goal this year - to attend as many Panther baseball and softball games as I can, because I admire competition between college teams. But there's nothing like an intramural game of softball. I've been to one so far.

Sure, some hardcore players get competitive and try to win all the time. Other players may not be the most athletic, and some just don't care. Many sports fans don't want to hear it, but sometimes it's more entertaining to watch people who just want to have fun.

That doesn't mean it's more fun watching people lose while I make fun of them. Like I said, if I were out there, I wouldn't be an MVP either.

It's good to see friends come back from a game and make a joke about how it went, or admit they had fun no matter the outcome.

Intramural sports offer the best of both worlds. They remind people that a sport is a game, and although competition can be a rush, the basis of every game is fun.

Those who enjoy the competition can choose their favorite team and follow that team's stats and scores on Eastern's campus recreation Web site, which is updated daily by Linker. Schedules are also on the site, and everyone should head out to the fields and check one out.

The cheering section may not be much to look at, but the trip down memory lane - when sports were just for fun - is worth the trouble.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



### EDITORIAL

## A solution to parking woes

Especially with the number of spots taken away due to construction, parking at Eastern must be addressed, and the Student Senate is doing so.

They were presented with a resolution Thursday that would increase the cost of parking by 20 percent over three years, restrict parking by University Apartments and add 'premium parking' places at triple the cost.

After debate, the Student Senate wisely tabled the resolution to get more feedback from students.

Not only should these changes take place, but the Student Senate should look to go further and stop selling parking passes to freshmen.

The cost increase would be the first since 1997, and University Apartment parking should be restricted to their residents, since they have children to care for.

However, this still won't solve the decrease in available parking. Not selling parking passes to freshmen who do not commute from home would solve this. The University could make a small number of spots available to freshmen commuters and those with special circumstances that require a car on campus. Any spots left over can be raffled off to fresh-

#### At issue

The proposed changes to parking at Eastern, which includes an increase in cost and premium parking.

#### Our stance

The cost increase is appropriate, and the student senate should go a step further and not give parking passes for non-commuter freshmen.

men at different promotional events.

Those freshmen without spots may not be as inconvenienced as upperclassmen, but they will survive. Many universities much larger than Eastern do not make parking passes available to freshmen. The longest walk on campus, Carmen to Old Main, is only 15 minutes, ruling out the need for a car there.

In order to get home students from the north can ride any number of bus services or the train. For those not from the suburbs, the Union has a ride board that is rarely used, and there's a Greyhound bus station in Mattoon.

The Panther Express, which often drives around Charleston empty, shuttles students through the campus and makes several stops around Charleston including the Square, Wal-mart and County Market.

To assist carless freshmen a possible route addition to the Mattoon Greyhound and train stations on Fridays and Sundays would be a help.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EIU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS LOST ITS INTEGRITY

I have attended Eastern basketball games for over thirty years, and I am distressed over the administration's decision to fire coach Rick Samuels. Several people have said that "coaching decisions are about winning and losing".

But there are no cosmic rules of hiring and firing, to which Eastern must conform—we base our hiring and firing decisions on "won-lost record alone" only if we choose to do so.

The athletics department at Eastern could certainly decide to stand up and say "Other universities can do as they

please, but we will not put the bottom line ahead of everything else. We will value Coach Samuels' outstanding personal character, and his commitment to seeing to it that his student-athletes really are students as well as athletes. We will show our appreciation of his loyalty to the university and the community. We will applaud the cleanness of his program, his unwillingness to cut corners and break rules to try to get ahead. We will retain Rick Samuels because we recognize that these traits make him an asset to the program."

Of course, our AD and administration did not choose to make this stand. But even on the basis of won-lost record

the decision seems indefensible.

What reason do we have for thinking Samuels' record should have been better than .500? Several people have been quoted as saying that EIU is a "mid-major." We are not a mid-major—we are not even a low-major. For a Division II school pretending to be Division I, an even record is perfectly fine.

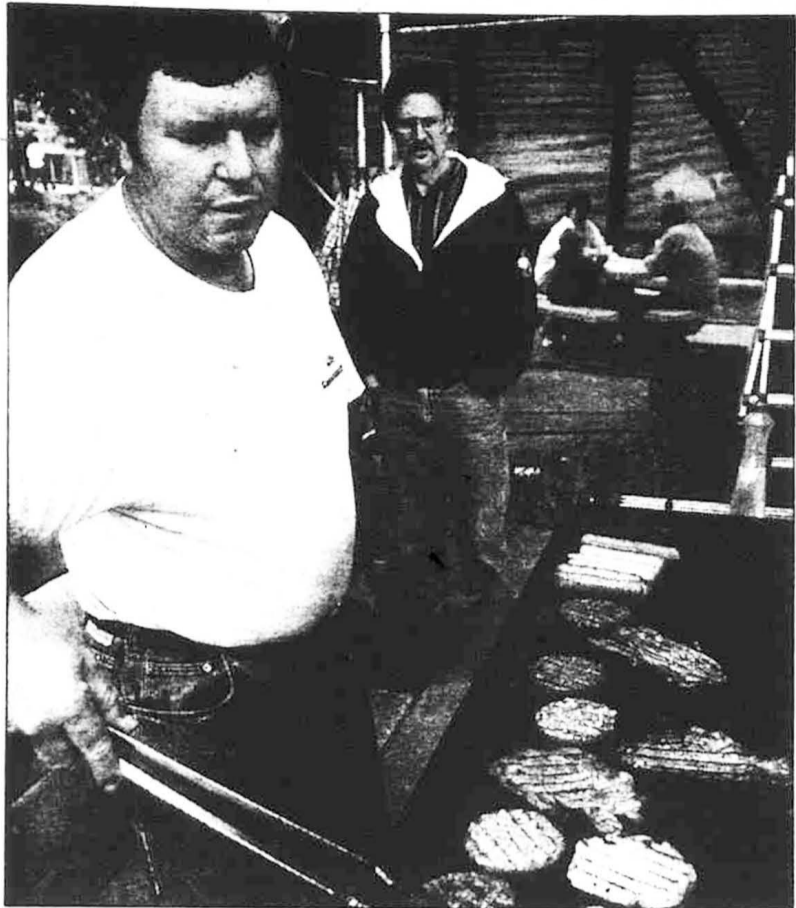
EIU should apologize to Rick, offer him his old job back, and announce to the world that we're not going to lower ourselves to the slimy level of many college athletics programs.

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A food vendor grills a burger for a customer during last year's Festival of the Arts. Expect Mexican, Chinese and Greek foods as well as old favorites.

# Art imitates food at 28th annual Festival of the Arts

## Outdoor art and cuisine festival going strong since 1977

By LAUREN KRULL  
STAFF WRITER

Spring into the arts and enjoy some food at the 28th annual Festival of the Arts, which is scheduled for April 29-30 and May 1 in the South Quad by Booth Library.

"Celebration is a way for people to experience all kinds of art," said festival director Dan Crews. "It is a celebration of spring returning to the state and is the first outdoor festival of the season."

The festival has been going on since 1977 and celebrates all types of arts such as paint, jewelry, pottery, sculpture and music.

The festival allows local artists, including some of Eastern's own, to

come out and debut their artistic talents and sell their pieces, Crews said.

One aspect of the festival that might be everyone's favorite is the food. According to Al Krietemeier, food coordinator for the festival, there should be about 12 vendors selling a variety of foods.

"We want more than just corn dogs and curly fries," Crews said.

Krietemeier said they plan to have Mexican, Chinese, Greek and all the other festival favorites like funnel cakes, barbecue and shake-ups.

Live jazz, rock, blues and folk bands are scheduled to perform.

One aspect of the festival where Eastern students, faculty and staff can

**"Celebration is a way for people to experience all kinds of art."**

DAN CREWS, FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

get involved is the "Bizarre Bazaar" sale that is taking place on the Friday of the festival. This is where people can buy, sell and trade items, Crews said.

There is fun for the whole family. Crews said people planning the festival are planning to have a children's art area called "Make it and take it Crafts," and the College of Arts and Humanities, hosts the event along with WEIU, is planning to have Leona, a character from "Between the Lions," make an appearance.

# Campus Movie Channel upgraded, efficiency is the key

## Over-killed tapes and old VCRs now a thing of the past

By YOUNGCHI CHANG  
STAFF WRITER

In order to better a quality broadcast, the campus movie channel is getting some upgrades.

The upgraded computer and automatic operating software are more friendly to users and easier," said Chad Franks, marketing and promotions specialist of University Housing and Dining Services and director of the campus movie channel program.

In conjunction with WEIU-TV, the University Housing and Dining Services has served diverse movies on channel 17 for the past five years, and

it was started by HBO.

As the costs for HBO packages have increased, housing and dining services originally looked for something different to get more movies to students and in a cheaper way by playing movies through a VCR.

However, the VCR system has generated some problems the past couple of years.

"We play 16 movies a month and play five (of those 16) movies during a day," said Matt Boyer, co-coordinator of the campus movie channel program.

Each movie is rotated three or four times a day for 24 hours. Eventually the videos were played numerous

times, and the quality became too bad to play through the VCR again.

"Jumpy and fuzzy videos are making bad sound and low-quality images on the screen," Boyer said.

He said the VCR sometimes broke the tapes down because of a malfunction with the tracking system problems. The VCRs also have not been replaced for awhile since they are so expensive with high quality, Boyer added.

Housing and dining replaced the VCRs to improve high quality videos with technicians of WEIU-TV. With the improved equipment, a compiler of each video is put into the computer and attached to each VCR. The computer, Boyer said, automatically runs and stops the movies, and it is played through the university cable outlets connecting to the computer.

The computer is connected to the compiler into the VCRs. Housing and dining is now looking for new high-quality VCRs, DVD players and a digital movie player, which is a computer with the capacity to play all kinds of movie files. Unfortunately a digital movie player has one problem, it cannot play old movies, Franks said.

As part of the effort to upgrade the campus movie channel, the University Housing and Dining Services has a hotline, at 581-3079, that students can call if they have a problem with the channel this semester.

"We had a call last week from a student," Boyer said. "The student said the video calibration was captured by the screen, and it kept covering up on the TV screen."

Boyer immediately called WEIU-TV to let them know the problem.

"They took care of that within five minutes and corrected it perfectly," he said.

One negative of the system is that it is hard to get the movies requested by students because the student committee of Residence Housing Association chooses movies two months in advance. But University Housing and Dining Services is trying to give students a wider variety of movies to watch through the Resident Life Cinema Web site at [www.reslife.com](http://www.reslife.com).

The movie channel is going to play some movies such as "Clean and Sober" and "Pay it Forward" to celebrate the alcohol awareness month in April.

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# Awards to highlight technology

By JACLYN GORSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The College of Sciences will hold its ninth annual ScienceFest today, and four professors will be honored for their use of technology in the classroom.

"(ScienceFest) is a celebration of the achievements and accomplishments of faculty and students in the College of Sciences," said Godson Obia, associate dean of the College of Sciences.

The College of Sciences recognizes research accomplishments from graduate and undergraduate students and faculty members.

During the first portion of ScienceFest, four winners of the "Excellence in the Use of Technology Award" will give presentations to present their use of technology in teaching.

"The awards were also given last year to four faculty members from College of Sciences," Obia said. "This, however, is the first year for asking the awardees to give a university-wide

presentation." The award is given in the fall semester to teachers for excellence in his or her use of technology in the classroom who are nominated by his department, Obia said.

The winners this year were James Bruehler, William Slough, John Stimac and Jeffrey Stowell.

The winners discussed the benefits of using technology in the classroom.

Stimac, assistant professor of the geology and geography department, also spoke about his use of technology.

"Technology helps empower students by giving them unlimited manifestations to prepare themselves, and it helps them to get motivated to achieve," said Bruehler, associate professor of economics.

Stowell thinks that utilizing technology keeps students more dedicated in the classroom.

"I believe it helps students become more attentive and involved in the learning process,"

said Stowell, assistant professor of the psychology department. "I've also been able to present material in new ways that makes learning more interactive and fun for both the students and myself."

During the second portion of the ScienceFest celebration, the college will be hearing from the student's perspective as well as some faculty members.

"From 1:00 - 2:50 p.m., there will be three panel discussions: international students and cultural experiences, American students and study abroad experiences and discussion of student research challenges and benefits of faculty mentors," Obia said. "From 3 p.m., COS gives awards to students and faculty for excellence in teaching, research and service."

The ScienceFest will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

# RHA: Finishing unfinished business

By KRISTY MELLENDORF  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association is finishing end-of-the-year business and getting a jump start on expanding their horizons.

RHA held a blood drive on Monday and Tuesday, which yielded 101 units. A motion was brought forth to hold another blood drive next year.

Ford Hall will be having a Spring Dance April 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Seventh Street Underground. Tickets are \$3 in advance and can be purchased in McKinney Hall and \$5 at the door.

The RHA committee boards are open for application. The Programming Committee meets twice per month and plans such things as Homecoming activities and Kids Weekend. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for publishing the monthly newsletter and organizing OTM submission and selection. The Financial Advisory Board discusses fundraising activities and reviews record keeping.

Jen Dunavan spoke to the members about Alex's Lemonade. This organization, which raises money for pediatric cancer, was formed by Alexandra Scott when she was diagnosed with cancer.

"There will be six stands across campus on April 14 from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.," Dunavan said. Ryan Berger, speaker of Student Senate, expressed the importance of the student elections. Berger is a member of the Student Interaction Party and would like to increase communication between RHA and Student Senate.

"I remember a day when everyone knew what these positions were and who served on them," Berger said.

Bob McElwee spoke to the members about the Charleston Library referendum. The referendum would involve extending the library hours during exam week, a coffee shop area in the library and extending hours when Eastern is closed.

"I am going to kick myself if we end up losing by 5-10 votes because we neglected to speak to a group of people," McElwee said. "That's why I want to make sure that we speak to everyone, including students."

**"I am going to kick myself if we end up losing by 5-10 votes."**

BOB MCELWEE,  
RHA GUEST SPEAKER

# ScienceFest: plenty to celebrate

By KATIE HULL  
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty alike can attend panel discussions, poster presentations, a State of College Address and a presentation of various grant awards during this year's annual ScienceFest.

The College of Sciences will host the event, which is open to campus, at 1 p.m. today in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"This is an opportunity for interaction with the faculty and students of the college," said Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences.

Hanner described the event as "an afternoon of sharing information and celebration" for the college.

The event will begin with panel discussions about a science-based international studies program, said Andrew Methven, chair of biological sciences. The panelists will include interna-

tional students at Eastern and students who have studied over seas.

They will talk about their experiences and challenges with the program and will offer advice for future participants, Methven said.

"There are some great opportunities out there, and students don't know about them," Methven said.

Another panel will discuss the college's faculty-to-student mentoring program, Hanner said.

Students participating in the event will also present scientific research they have conducted and will discuss the challenges and benefits they have faced.

After the presentation there will be a poster viewing of the students' work, Methven said.

"This will allow students to advertise their research," he said.

Hanner will give the State of College Address at the event, during which she will talk about the college's accomplishments and

goals it has set, she said.

The Scholars in Undergraduate Research at Eastern Award and the Graduate Student Investigator Award will be presented at the event.

Selection committees made up of various faculty members chose 10 to 12 winners for each grant, said William Addison, chair of psychology.

"These awards provide funds to assist students for presenting their research at scientific meetings," Methven said.

Faculty awards will also be given out during the celebration. A faculty member is selected for each of the following awards: Outstanding Faculty Award, Lida Wall Mentor Award, Distinguished Service Award, Teaching Excellence Award, Ringenberg Award and the Baharlou Service Award, Addison said.

"This is always a well-attended event, and the idea is to attract more students," Addison said.

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# Improving grading

By JACKSON KENTEBE  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty will get the opportunity today to learn how to develop a grading process that meets the needs of students and faculty.

Faculty Development is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Making grading a more user-friendly activity for teachers and students."

Marilla Svinicki, associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Texas in Austin, will be speaking on the topic of grading. She has assisted faculty members at various institutions with developing grades for 30 years.

"The purpose of the workshop is to enlighten faculty and staff on why faculty members normally disagree with students about their grades," Svinicki said.

Svinicki will discuss the processes and purposes of grading so that instructors can provide the best assessment of student learning.

"The major problem faculty members encounter is that they are unclear

in enlightening the students on reasons for assigning a specific grade to them, thereby fostering lack of communication between both parties," Svinicki said.

The workshop will provide a medium for Svinicki to collaborate the views and opinions of the faculty and students for the purpose of finding the most suitable and convenient method of grading.

Bud Fischer, a member of Eastern's faculty development committee, spoke about the importance of this workshop.

"The workshop allows us to bring an expert to enlighten us on how to engage students in the learning process," Fischer said. "A lot of teachers are looking forward to this due to the difficulties faculty members encounter with grading."

Fischer hopes that participants at the workshop would emerge with new ideas pertaining to grading and making it user-friendly.

The workshop will be today from 1 to 4 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 2020.

## Judge dismisses lawsuit over defective cup

EDWARDSVILLE— A Madison County judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Starbucks Corp. by a student who alleged she suffered second-degree burns when coffee spilled from a defective cup.

Because the incident happened at a Starbucks on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville campus, the case belonged in the Illinois Court of Claims. Judge George J. Moran ruled Wednesday. Formal monetary claims against the state are heard by Court of Claims judges and commissioners.

Molly Alter, a graduate student in SIUE's metalsmithing program, sued the Seattle-based coffee chain in January 2004, contending her drink spilled because the cup was bent or creased.

Alter claimed she was unable to complete her class work for the semester after her cup crumbled on Dec. 3, 2003. She sought more than \$50,000 in damages.

Her attorney, Matthew Marlen, said his client had made a "pretty good recovery" and was back in school.

## Increasing casino slots and games to pay for schools

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAK PARK— Gov. Rod Blagojevich, in his first public call for gambling expansion, proposed more than doubling the number of slot machines and gambling tables allowed at Illinois' nine riverboat casinos to increase funding for schools and pay for tougher graduation requirements.

Lawmakers and Chicago officials have lobbied for additional casinos to raise tax revenue, but Blagojevich said Thursday that he would only support more gambling at the existing riverboats.

He proposed allowing a total of 23,000-24,000 gambling positions at the casinos— up from the current 11,000. The additional tax revenue would pump \$300 million into schools, he said.

## VILLAGE SETTLES LAWSUIT WITH OIL COMPANIES

EAST ALTON— Officials in this Metro East village have settled for \$8 million with a group of oil companies over the contamination of a water supply well.

The lawsuit alleged that the companies, which operated gas stations, refineries and chemical plants in the area, contaminated a well with the gasoline additive MTBE.

The village detected the contamination in 1999 through the state's water quality monitoring program and stopped pumping water from the well. Mayor Fred Bright— who announced the settlement Wednesday— said the contaminated water never reached the village's water plant.

Even at low levels, MTBE can make water undrinkable because of an unpleasant, turpentine-like smell. The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency considers it to be a potential carcinogen, having been found to cause cancer in laboratory mice at high concentrations.

## WITNESS TO FATAL PORCH COLLAPSE SUES CITY

CHICAGO— A witness to a Chicago porch collapse that killed his brother and 12 other people filed a federal lawsuit Thursday alleging city officials retaliated against him for speaking out about the city's construction permit and inspection process.

John Koranda's brother Robert was killed when the porch filled with partygoers collapsed on June 29, 2003. In civil court filings in February, the city alleged that John Koranda and another man contributed to the collapse by jumping up and down on the three-story wooden structure.

Koranda, 24, denies jumping or seeing anyone else doing so. He said city officials were angry after his family publicized its belief that a corrupt and incompetent Chicago Building Department was to blame for the tragedy.

The city has said the porch in the city's Lincoln Park neighborhood was built without construction permits and not according to code.

## BRITISH WHOLESALER FILES CLAIM FOR FLU SHOTS

CHICAGO— A British wholesaler that Gov. Rod Blagojevich hired to provide thousands of flu vaccine doses to Illinois has filed a complaint against the state demanding nearly \$2.6 million that the state's chief financial officer has refused to pay.

Blagojevich ordered the vaccine from Europe last fall amid fears of a national flu shot shortage. But while the state had a contract to buy the doses, it couldn't import them because the U.S. Food and Drug Administration never approved the European vaccine.

Ecosse Hospital Products Ltd. says the state still owes it for 254,250 doses. It filed a complaint March 16 with the Illinois Court of Claims accusing the state of breach of contract.

State Comptroller Dan Hynes has argued that the FDA's refusal to allow the imports should let the state cancel the contract. He cited a provision that allows termination for "unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including ... governmental regulation."

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS ASK FOR MONEY AT THE POLLS

SPRINGFIELD— Dozens of Illinois school districts will be asking their communities for more money when voters go to the polls Tuesday as the districts face the possibility of getting dramatically less state aid than they expected.

In all, 68 school districts are seeking tax-rate increases. The number is down from 91 a year ago, defying the recent trend of more districts seeking increases so they can squeeze more money out of a funding system many consider unfair.

The pressure to come up with more local money is even greater now because Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proposed increasing state aid by only \$140 million in the coming budget year, following increases totaling \$860 million over his first two years in office.

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# Government Web site telling parents to promote teen abstinence draws protest

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WASHINGTON (AP) - A new government Web site gives parents advice on how to convince their children that "abstinence is the healthiest choice." That's dictating values, say organizations ranging from the American Civil Liberties Union to gay rights groups, and they want the site taken down.

But Michael Leavitt, secretary of the Health and Human Services Department, says the Web site is right on target.

The site was designed for parents who are embarrassed about talking with their children about sex, Leavitt said in a statement.

"Parents have a tremendous amount of influence on their children and we want them to talk with their teens about abstinence so that they can stay safe and healthy," he said.

Promoting abstinence is fine, said Monica

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



Rodriguez of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, but the government should also address the needs of teenagers who are already sexually active, gay or lesbian, or who have been sexually abused.

## BUSH PRAISES RETIREMENT PLAN WITH KEY DIFFERENCES

WASHINGTON (AP) - The retirement savings plan that federal employees enjoy and President Bush cites as a model for his individual investment accounts differs in a key regard from what he proposes: Bush would carve the new

accounts out of the Social Security taxes workers now pay.

The government workers' savings plan, by contrast, is in addition to the Social Security taxes they pay and the benefits they are promised.

Democrats have said they would be much more inclined to embrace the private accounts - the signature item of the president's proposed Social Security overhaul - if they, too, were treated as an add-on to the traditional benefit check rather than a partial replacement.

One Republican, Rep. Clay Shaw of Florida, who oversees a House Social Security subcommittee, has filed legislation that would create the accounts as an addition to the program. But so far the broader debate over ensuring Social Security's long-term solvency has stalled over opposition to the president's "carve-out" accounts.

## TERRI SCHIAVO, BRAIN-DAMAGED FLORIDA WOMAN, DIES THURSDAY

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) - She died cradled by her husband, a beloved stuffed tabby under her arm, a bouquet of lilies and roses at her bedside - after her brother was expelled from her room. In death as in life, no peace surrounded Terri Schiavo.

Fifteen years, one month and six days after her heart first stopped, this brain-damaged wife and daughter died in her hospice bed. At about 9 a.m. Thursday, the battle to the death that entangled the state and federal courts, the legislature, Congress, Florida's governor and the president of the United States finally came to a close.

The deathbed scene was described by George Felos, lawyer for her husband; he said Michael Schiavo excluded the brother, Michael Schiavo, the lawyer said, wanted his wife to die in tranquility.

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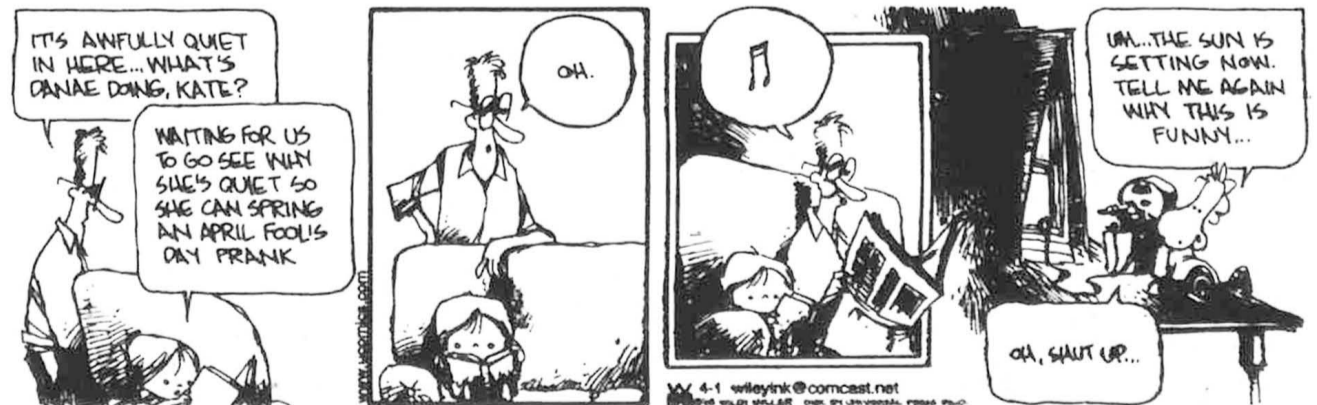
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BASEBALL PREVIEW PAGE

# Racers will challenge Panther pitchers

By JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern baseball team is coming off a 10-2 victory against Millikin Wednesday and will look to continue its winning ways at home against Murray State in a three-game series this weekend.

Last year the Racers were 17-35 overall and 11-16 in the Ohio Valley Conference play, but Schmitz realizes that's to be expected when there's a new coach in town and the team is decimated by injury.

This year Murray State is 13-12 overall and 2-1 in the OVC, and Schmitz realizes his Panthers (5-16, 2-1 OVC) are in for a battle this weekend.

"Our goal is to take two of three every weekend," Schmitz said. "If you get two every weekend, at the end of the season you find you're in the battle for that top spot in the conference."

Schmitz said in order to grab two wins this weekend, the pitching has to be solid. And although senior Kyle Widegren's stuff hasn't reached the level that won him a team-high eight games last year, his appearance against Millikin got him headed in the right direction, and he'll start the first game.

Widegren said he was going to work on a slider in his appearance against Millikin, but when he was warming up in the bullpen, his curveball came back. When Schmitz saw that he told Widegren to scrap the slider.

Widegren has walked 16 batters and struck out 12 so far this year, leaving his record at 1-4 and EPA at 6.58. But Schmitz hasn't shown that he's concerned about it, and Widegren is confident he'll be okay.

Widegren will start game one of Saturday's 12 p.m. doubleheader.

"If I do the exact same thing I did against Millikin where my curveball started working for me, everything will be fine," Widegren said.

Murray State will counter Widegren with its own senior, Craig Kraus.

**"If I do the exact same thing I did against Millikin ... everything will be fine."**

KYLE WIDEGREN'S, SENIOR PITCHER

Kraus is 4-1 in six starts with a 2.41 ERA, 30 strikeouts and only six walks.

"He's a real good college pitcher," Murray State head coach Rob McDonald said. "He's also an accomplished pitcher, and he's done a real nice job for us this year."

The Racers and Panthers have a couple of common opponents this year in Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock.

The Racers beat Little Rock in both the games they, but played while the Panthers lost both games they played against Little Rock. But McDonald said that doesn't matter so much. He said it would be easier to compare teams through common opponents in football, but in baseball so much of the game revolves around pitching. And if a pitcher is "on" one day, he has the capability of shutting a team down.

"The Yankees lose to college teams in spring training," McDonald said.

In the second game, the Panthers will start either senior Ted Juske, if he feels 100 percent, or sophomore Chris Vaculik.

McDonald said he'll most likely throw junior Billy Fares in the second game, but that's subject to change.

Juske has been hampered by back spasms this year and has only given the Panthers 12 innings of work. In those 12 innings, Juske is 0-3 with a 9.00 ERA.

Vaculik has come on strong of late and is 1-2 with a 4.01 ERA in two starts this season.

Sophomore Mike Budde will start the third game on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the Panthers, and the Racers starter will be a game-time decision.



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Head coach Jimmy Schmitz and sophomore catcher Joe Hernandez talk with sophomore pitcher Chris Vaculik during the Panther's game against Millikin University Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. On the year, the Panthers are carrying a 7.84 team ERA and have walked 116 batters while striking out 112.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Morehead State	3-0	11-14
Murray State	2-1	13-12
Eastern Kentucky	2-1	8-10
Jacksonville State	2-1	9-13
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>5-16</b>
Southeast Missouri	1-2	8-14
Samford	1-2	6-16
Tennessee Tech	1-2	6-18
Tennessee-Martin	1-2	5-17
Austin Peay	0-3	13-10

OVC STATS

BATTING AVERAGE		
	G	AVG.
1. BOLGER, Brett-EKU	15	.500
2. CHAGNON, Mark-EIU	19	.391
3. STEVENSON, Bryan-EKU	18	.389
4. POYNTER, Chris-APSU	19	.377
5. O'DELL, Chris-EKU	16	.364
6. MORGAN, John-SAM	19	.362
7. MONTIEL, Frank-SEMO	22	.361
WHISENANT, Will-EKU	18	.361
STOHLER, Bo-MOR	23	.361
10. SEASOR, Lance-MOR	25	.358

HOME RUNS		
	G	HR
1. INGRAM, Bryan-MOR	25	8
RHODES, Paul-MOR	21	8
3. CHENEY, Donald-MOR	25	6
4. SEASOR, Lance-MOR	25	5
<b>SZALO, Keiji-EIU</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
6. RICE, Garrett-SAM	22	4
PEARSON, Winston-JSU	19	4
MARTY, Nathan-TTU	23	4
PAYNE, Jordan-SEMO	21	4
WHISENANT, Will-EKU	18	4

RUNS BATTED IN		
	G	RBI
1. INGRAM, Bryan-MOR	25	33
2. CHENEY, Donald-MOR	33	28
3. MONTIEL, Frank-SEMO	22	22
RICE, Garrett-SAM	22	22
<b>5. SZALO, Keiji-EIU</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
WALKER, Jared-APSU	23	21
GRIGGS, Clint-MUR	25	21
8. RHODES, Paul-MOR	21	20
ALLING, Matt-SAM	22	20

STRIKEOUTS		
	IP	SO
1. HARDY, Rowdy-APSU	41.2	39
2. DURAN, Adrien-MOR	50.1	36
EDENS, Joseph-SAM	40.2	36
4.2-Tied		31

EARNED RUN AVERAGE		
	IP	ERA
1. NEIMKIN, Michael-SAM	23	2.35
2. KRAUS, Craig-MUR	41	2.41
3. HARDY, Rowdy-APSU	41.2	2.81
4. FORREST, Josh-JSU	28.1	2.86
5. ALCORN, Michael-TTU	25	3.24

UPCOMING SERIES

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OVC NOTES

Murray State (13-12, 2-1) @ Eastern Illinois (5-16, 2-1)

The Panthers will have to keep their bats hot against Murray State and their ace, starter Craig Kraus in game one. In their first two games in the OVC against Tennessee-Martin, the Panthers scored a combined seven runs. In their last three games, the Panthers are averaging seven runs per game.

Eastern Illinois (5-16, 2-1) @ Jacksonville State (9-13, 2-1)

The Panthers take on the defending OVC Champion Gamecocks April 9-10 in Birmingham Ala. Jacksonville State has struggled at the plate this season, hitting .240 and striking out an OVC-most 184 times. But, while the bats have struggled, the Gamecocks have gotten it done on the mound. The team's 4.25 ERA leads the OVC.

OVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
Donald Cheney  
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OVC PITCHER OF THE WEEK  
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TENNIS

# Panthers host Missouri and Ohio Valley Conferences' best

BY MATT DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

Both the Eastern tennis teams get back into action this weekend with home matches, hoping to salvage their respective seasons.

The women, with a 4-7 overall record (2-3 in Ohio Valley Conference play), take on Northern Iowa out of the Missouri Valley Conference this Saturday afternoon before facing conference opponent Morehead State on Sunday morning.

The men, with a 3-11 record (1-4 in OVC play), also take on Morehead State on Sunday.

For the women, Northern Iowa comes into the match with a 10-1 record overall.

"Northern Iowa is a very good team," head coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "We are excited to face a team like that."

Northern Iowa, whose sole loss this year was at the hands of Drake 4-3, was picked to finish eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Northern Iowa is the top team in their conference," Holzgrafe said. "We like to face good competition and Northern Iowa will provide that."

On Sunday, Morehead State will venture to Darling Courts. Morehead's women's team comes into the match with an 11-3 record (2-2 in conference). The men's team at Morehead, with a 14-1 overall record (4-0 in conference), is battling Samford for the top spot in conference.

An interesting match to watch in the men's contest will be the No. 1 singles match between Morehead's sophomore Greg Johnstone and Eastern sophomore Chuck LeVaque.

Both are tied for the top of the OVC at No. 1 singles with perfect 4-0 marks in conference play. Johnstone owns the slightly better overall record, 14-1 compared to LeVaque's 10-4, but Holzgrafe is anxious to see this match played out.

"It should be a clash of the titans," Holzgrafe said.

Johnstone and sophomore teammate Jacob McLeod form a potent

duo at No. 1 doubles, compiling a 10-4 overall record in that spot.

The Morehead men boast consistency throughout the lineup. At No. 4 singles, McLeod has a 12-2 record, while No. 6 singles player, Adam Sorti, is perfect on the year at 8-0. Doubles play is also strong for Morehead's men with all three doubles tandems among the top three of the OVC.

For the Morehead women the top three singles spots are key components to the team's success.

Freshman Yolanda Araujo of Brazil has a 12-1 record at No. 2 singles, while fellow Brazilian freshman Marian Wechendorf has a 9-4 record at No. 1 singles. Rounding out the top three is senior Alex Becka of Australia, who has compiled an 11-3 mark so far this season at No. 3 singles.

Eastern counters that lineup with freshman Sandra Sasidharan, 5-6 overall at No. 1 singles and sophomore Madina Mambetova, 5-5 at No. 3 singles. Both have provided consistent play for the women all season.

# EIU men's basketball signs Estonia player

BY BRIAN FANTANA  
EUROPEAN SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther men's basketball team managed to land an important piece to its puzzle Thursday, signing 7-foot 4-inch center Yadsloof Lipra.

Lipra, who is a native of central Estonia, committed to play for Eastern even without a successor to ex-head coach Rick Samuels. Lipra has played for the Estonian national team the past three summers, where the 220-pounder averaged 4.1 points, 4.1 rebounds and 4.105 blocks per game.

Lipra doesn't speak English, but said through an interpreter that he is proud to take his game to the collegiate level.

"I am very excited to come see America and see Charleston," he said. "I look forward to games in Ohio Valley Conference."

According to [www.estonianhoopsquad.net](http://www.estonianhoopsquad.net), Lipra is a ferocious shot blocker, with 28-foot range. His numbers on the national team were limited by a lack of playing time in the packed Estonian frontcourt.

"He's a lot like Neon Bodeaux — a force in the paint but completely a

raw talent," one European scout said. "He's also great with kids."

Some has described Lipra as a gentle giant, but he's excited to show off his tough side.

"I look forward to throwing elbows and bodying up," Lipra said. "I love contact."

Lipra should make an immediate impact for the Panthers.

As their first foreign-born recruit, Lipra is honored to shatter the nationality-line.

"It's pressure to represent my countrymen," Lipra said. "But, I'm proud to show Eastern how I roll — Estonia-style."

Lipra is famous to European basketball minds for his advanced training program, which includes lengthy jogs through the snowy mountain ranges in his homeland.

The signing of Lipra should make Eastern an early favorite for the 2005-06 OVC title.

"This should make the Panthers unbelievable," one OVC coach said. "This Lipra kid's impact will have coaches wondering if it's all a nightmare."

"I just wish it wasn't true but an April Fool's Day joke or something."

NBA

# Curry remains behind in Charlotte

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chicago Bulls center Eddy Curry was treated Thursday for an irregular heartbeat after staying behind in Charlotte and missing his team's game against Cleveland.

Curry was not scheduled to return to Chicago until Friday when he is expected to be examined by Bulls' team doctors.

"You wouldn't be human if you

weren't worried about it," Bulls coach Scott Skiles. "He'll be re-examined tomorrow, so we'll just have to wait and see."

Curry, 22, warmed up for Wednesday night's game which the Bulls won 102-99 but was a late scratch for what was listed as flu-like symptoms.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Curry spent the game hooked up to a heart monitor having tests performed. "Right before the game,

I felt some lightheadedness and dizziness. It came out of nowhere, so it really kind of scared me a little bit," Curry said after the game.

"I talked to him before the game and he told me he had chest pains. I kind of laughed at him and said it wasn't that serious," fellow prep-to-pro Tyson Chandler said Thursday.

"I really honestly don't know what is going on. Now, I just think everybody's thoughts are with him."

## GILLESPIE:

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"We won the play-in game, and with 12 minutes left against Kentucky, we were down by two," Gillespie said.

Gillespie currently has a 55-67 record at Florida A&M, but the veteran coach says that because of inefficiencies in the athletic department, that stat is very vague.

"We've played 21 guarantee games in my four years here. Last year we played Illinois, Michigan State, Oklahoma and Florida," Gillespie said. "In non-guarantee games, I'm 55-42 along with being .500 in the conference four straight years."

Gillespie's recent success with the Rattlers may have much to do with his

ability to recruit athletes in all regions and his high-scoring intense philosophy on the court.

"He plays that 94-foot style that our fans love," Florida A&M assistant Mike Gillespie Jr. said. "He will tell the kids at Eastern, 'You have to give me three hours of practice because you can't give me less and you won't be able to give me more.'"

"I've seen him throw coaches out of practice for not being ready to go."

The Rattlers will take the floor next season with five players from the Chicago Public High School League, and currently the Panthers have none. Gillespie has a unique way of acquiring this type of talent.

"My father is a take-or-leave-it

recruiter, and those city kids really draw to that," Gillespie Jr. said. "I've seen him look a young man in the eye and say, 'tell me the other schools you are considering so that when you go there, we will schedule you and kick your ass.'"

The father-and-son combination would love to bring their act to Charleston.

Both of them are confident they can bring success to the Panther program immediately.

"There's no doubt in my mind that in two years we would win the league and in four or five be dominating the OVC," Gillespie Jr. said. "It's just a matter of somebody looking beyond what's on paper."

# The long-range shot is about to get longer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Add college basketball coaches to the long line of guys who can't stand prosperity.

Included in their ranks are at least two of the coaches here at the Final Four and, according to the latest survey, two-thirds of the basketball brethren. Never mind that we're coming off the most thrilling weekend in NCAA tournament history, and that 3-point shots, made and missed, were the reason for most of the chills.

From most coaches' vantage point, 19 feet, 9 inches is still too close. It needs to be a size 9 sneaker about 9 inches farther back.

"Maybe that way only the real good shooters will take them," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Thursday through an exasperated grin, "and the guys who don't have a prayer won't be so tempted."

The debate over where to paint the arc has been raging since the NCAA legislated it into being for the 1986-87 season. Some addi-

tional kindling was piled on only Wednesday when Louisville's Rick Pitino and Illinois' Bruce Weber, whose teams launched an average of 24 and 22 treys this season, weighed in on pushing it back to the international distance of 20-6 still a good two feet closer than the NBA's.

"It's always been too close," Pitino said.

That's the exact same thought he had 18 years ago, when Pitino was a rising star in the business at his second stop in Providence, and he walked out on the court after arena officials finished striping the floor. Standing behind the line, Pitino felt as if he'd been granted a glimpse into the future.

He already had three exceptional shooters on that squad Delray Brooks, Ernie "Pops" Lewis and Billy Donovan, who would go on to coach Florida and their long-range bombing validated that vision and carried the unheralded Friars all the way to the national semis.

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# SPORTS

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## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

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	Softball at Samford	1 p.m.
	Women's Tennis vs Northern Iowa	2 p.m.
SUNDAY	WOMEN'S GOLF AT PAYNE STEWART INVITATIONAL	All Day
	Men's Tennis vs Morehead State	11 a.m.
	Women's Tennis vs Morehead State	11 a.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

## Local bars prepare for tip-off

BY HEATHER REDENBO  
STAFF WRITER

A couple of Charleston area bars are catching Illini fever as they are preparing for crowds tuning in to the Final Four games this weekend.

Larry Keck, owner of Jerry's, said that they are planning on showing the games on their TVs both upstairs and downstairs.

Justin Morris, a bartender at Marty's, said they expect to be very busy because of the local connection.

"It should be the normal Marty's crowd, probably really packed," Morris said. "All of the tables and booths will be filled along with many people just standing around."

**"We didn't do anything last year because no one cared about the teams who were in it. But this year ... we expect a huge crowd."**

JUSTIN MORRIS,  
MARTY'S  
BARTENDER

Stix is also expecting a big crowd and will be showing the game on all nine of their TVs. "We expect a really large crowd because of Illinois being in the Final Four," Dave Heideman, bartender at Stix, said.

In addition to showing the games, both bars are planning to have specials. "We don't know for sure what the specials will be, but we are working on some kind of an orange drink to represent Illinois," Morris said.

At Stix, Heideman said there will be \$.25 wings and \$1.50 drafts for the Final Four games. While Stix has done specials for the Final Four in the past, Marty's isn't accustomed to Final Four gatherings.

"We didn't do anything last year because no one cared about the teams who were in it," Morris said. "But this year, with it being family weekend for the Greek community, and since the Illini are in it, we expect a huge crowd." Heideman said Stix usually do specials for the Final Four regardless of who is playing. "We did specials last year but expect it to be much bigger this year with a ton of Illinois fans," Heideman said.

## "Panthers snake-bitten by Gillespie"

### Florida A&M head coach wants to meet McDuffie at Final Four

BY MATTHEW STEVENS  
SPORTS REPORTER

The first coaching candidate with Division I head-coaching experience has expressed interest for the men's basketball vacancy at Eastern.

Florida A&M head coach Mike Gillespie confirmed he has granted permission for the school to pursue other coaching opportunities, which includes applying for the Eastern job.



MIKE GILLESPIE

"I have always been intrigued at EIU and felt like they should always have success," Gillespie said.

Gillespie feels his reputation is perfect for the current situation that director of athletics Rich McDuffie is

looking at.

"I have always been able to rebuild programs, whether it be junior college, Division II and low D-I," Gillespie said. "They are down on their luck right now and have fallen on hard times so they need a change."

Gillespie said he had not been contacted by Eastern or McDuffie except an e-mail saying they'd received his credentials. Gillespie does intend to start a conversation with McDuffie and search committee chair Bud Fischer.

"I think they'll really like me if we can sit down together," Gillespie said. "It's simply a matter of getting them to talk to me."

Gillespie broke into the college ranks at St. Leo in Dade City, Fla., before accumulating a 258-56 record in a decade at Tallahassee Community College. Four years ago, Gillespie took the job with the Rattlers, which was rated one of the worst D-I programs in the country.

"This program was left for dead, and I'm the guy who brought it back to the NCAA Tournament," Gillespie said.

The Rattlers made the big dance two years ago with a 14-15 record after winning the Mideastern Athletic Conference Tournament.

SEE GILLESPIE PAGE 11A

## SOFTBALL

## Panthers travel to take on Sanford

### Girls to play in OVC three-game series

BY ANDREW HANS  
STAFF WRITER

The Panther softball team is in action this weekend traveling for a three-game series against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Samford.

The series kicks off with a double-header on Saturday and a single game on Sunday. Both games start at 1 p.m.

The Panthers (4-14, 1-2 OVC) are coming off a closely played, high-scoring series to start conference play with Jacksonville State, with the Panthers picking up one win and two losses.

They are facing a tough opponent in Samford (14-14, 7-1 OVC) and sophomore pitcher Susanna Meyer, the OVC's Pitcher of the Week after posting a 4-1 record with a 1.62 EPA.

"We've got to hit Meyer and put the ball into play," Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said.

Searle believes that by the way Samford plays, the Panthers will be able to win.

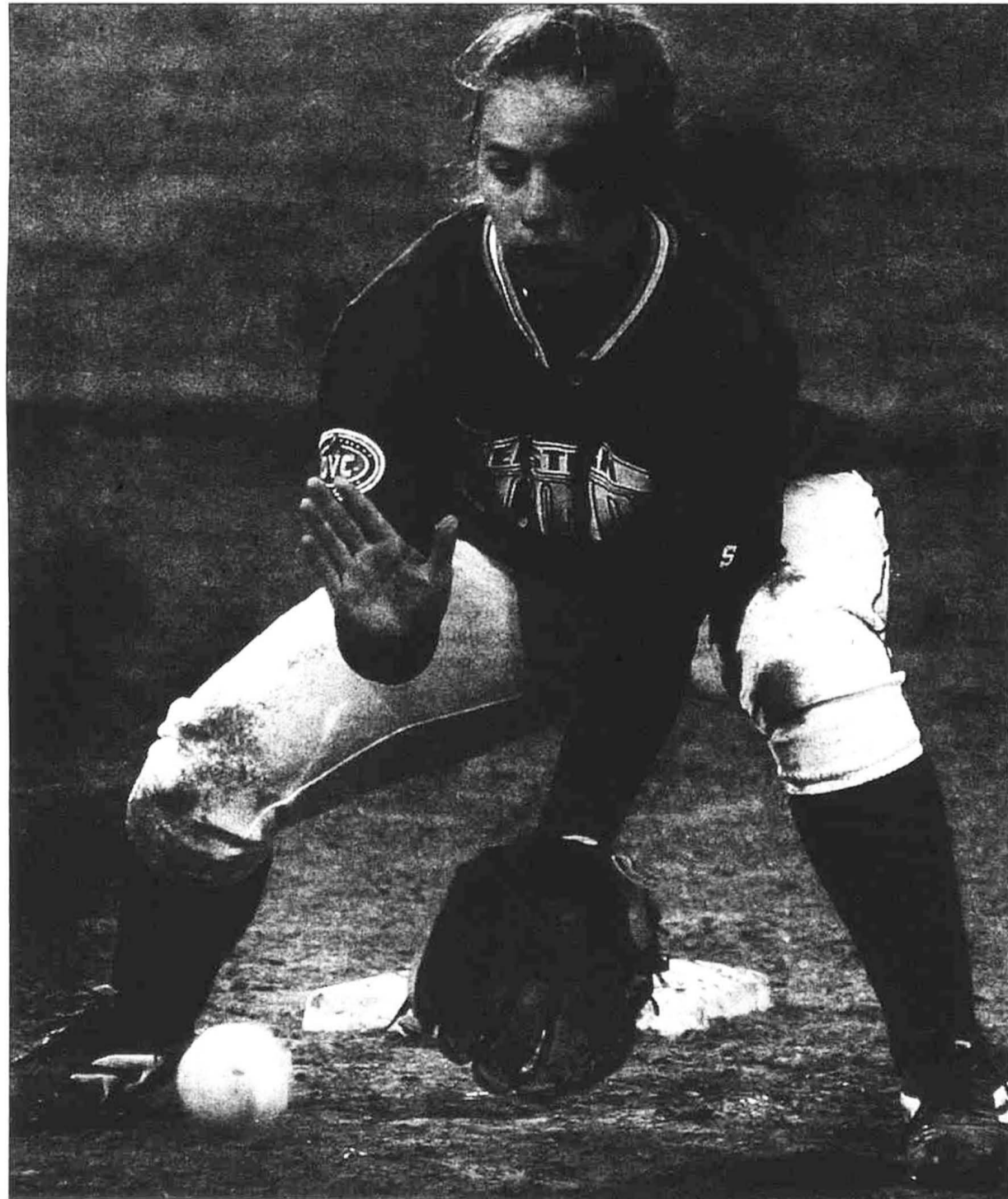
"They play very close, very low-scoring games," Searle said. "We need to stay close and compete with them; that way we can come out on top."

The Panthers are also looking to build off their series against Jacksonville State, who at 34 games have played almost twice as much as the Panthers.

"It's a difficult thing to overcome," Searle said. "We didn't have quite the number of games in February and March."

Eastern is making up for their lack of experience in games.

In their past series against Jacksonville State, the Panthers used all four of their pitchers and played 13 of the 14 players that dressed for the game.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman infielder Robyn Mackie scoops up a ground ball during a game against Jacksonville State Friday afternoon. The Panthers travel to Samford for a three-game series Saturday and Sunday.

Searle thinks the depth and balance will help them as they progress through the season.

The Panthers are also on the rebound of two comeback games.

The first was a come-from-behind win over Jacksonville State where the Panthers scored two runs in the seventh inning to pick up the 5-4 win in the second game of the series.

The second was a comeback from being down 7-0. They ended up tying the score in the seventh before losing to the Gamecocks 9-8 in extra innings last Saturday.

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# A united front

## Greek Week stresses the importance of banding together

BY SANDRA JAKOB  
STAFF WRITER

United they stand while competing against each other for nine days.

With 20 events scheduled, Greek Week hopes to bring the Greek community together with competitions, games and charity work.

Carly LaMonica has had a busy month with preparing the scheduled events. LaMonica is Greek Week Steering Committee overall co-chair with Matt Carlstrom, and she is very excited about this year's events.

"This year is more in-depth. We are focusing on a certain idea - that we are unified," LaMonica said. "We want to show what it means to be a Greek system."

Starting in the beginning of December with preparations for Greek Week, the committee of 50 people worked with a lot of ideas before choosing a theme. "We may stand out, but we never stand alone" was finally chosen after the group considered more than 90 ideas.

"This year, the idea is to go out and cheer on your Tugs team and then (cheer) on the other teams also," LaMonica said. "If we don't have each other, we wouldn't have anything."

LaMonica encourages the students on campus who are not members of the Greek community to come and watch the games and cheer for the teams, even though they can't participate.

"We want everybody to come and watch," LaMonica said.

The women in Sigma Sigma Sigma have been working hard preparing for Greek Sing and Tugs. Erin Hurley, a junior social science major, said she and her friends are dedicated to winning Greek Sing this year, with "The Beatles" as their theme.

"We won (Greek Sing) three years in a row and lost last year, so we want to come back and show that we are awesome," Hurley said.

The three events that usually attract most people are Airband, Greek Sing and Tugs, LaMonica said. These events are also the ones that the houses inquire about the most.

"They spend all night practicing, and there's really a lot

of dedication," LaMonica said.

The Kappa Delta's know this dedication since they have been preparing for Airband and Tugs for quite some time. They are also preparing an entry for Greek Sing.

"We try to be good overall on all things," said Joy Hoffman, a junior psychology major. "We want to have fun with the sisterhood."

One new event has been added to the traditional Greek Week schedule. "Pack the Stands" is a way for the fraternities and sororities to cheer for the baseball team during its game on Saturday.

"We hope people will go and cheer on the team," LaMonica said. "We're encouraging them to go and have fun."

Dan Crocker, senior communication studies major and member of Sigma Chi, said he and his friends are excited about Greek Week.

"We are entering Little Men and Big Men Tugs and Airband," Crocker said. "We have been practicing quite a lot."

The Sigma Pi fraternity is entering in every single event during Greek Week. Danny Scheck, a senior recreation administration major and member of Sigma Pi, said his fraternity has at least 50-60 members who are going to try to win the overall Greek Week title.

"I'm in Airband," Scheck said. "We have 12 guys, and we have been practicing for two months."

Their theme is "Dancing Through the Decades," and they are planning to start with a song by Elvis Presley and end with a song from pop star Usher.

"We have been doing our choreography and finishing our moves this week," Scheck said.

Greek Week is not only about games and competition between the fraternities and sororities. It is also about raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, this year's philanthropy.

All year long, the Greek community raises money for this charity, and a handsome check will be presented by the end of the week to the hospital, LaMonica said.

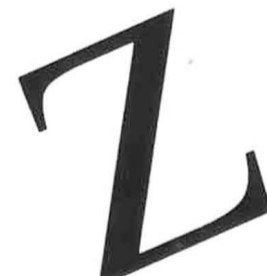
"We're also making quilts for the nursing home, and we're sending cards to the troops. That's a new thing this year," she said.

**"If we don't have each other, we wouldn't have anything."**

CARLY LAMONICA, GREEK WEEK STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

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Delta Zeta performs during Airband competition last year. They won first place in the sorority division.

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# SINGIN' AND DANCIN'

## Participants in Greek Sing, Airband readying for events

By MEGAN JURINEK  
CAMPUS REPORTER

The practicing is just about over. The final touch-ups are being made on costumes and dance numbers. The time is running out for students to get ready for two of the biggest events during Greek Week.

Greek Sing and Airband will both take place this weekend at Lantz Arena. Airband is at 7 p.m. Saturday and Greek Sing is at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"The cool thing about Greek Sing is that it's the only time that you can get your whole fraternity or sorority up on stage together," said Andy Gahan, president of Lambda Chi Alpha said. "I think it is probably one of the neater events for parents and grandparents to go to."

Greek Sing is also one of the longest running traditions in Greek Week, Gahan said. This is its 54th year.

"This year for Greek Sing, we are doing songs about being happy," Gahan said.

Some of these songs include, "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby Mcfadden and "Life Goes On" and "With A Little Help From My Friends" by The Beatles. The other major event for the weekend is Airband.

"(Airband) is also really entertaining," Gahan



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Members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity perform in last year's Greek Sing competition.

said.

Airband originally started and was supposed to be a lip sync contest, and now it has turned into a really huge dance contest, he said. It still involves syncing, but now it is choreographed with costume changes and five-to-six different songs.

"I think we are going to do pretty well," Joy

Hoffman, president of Kappa Delta, said.

Kappa Delta's Airband performance will include all country songs, and their Greek Sing routine will include songs about cities around the United States.

"We have been working really hard, and it's going to be a really good show," she said.

The Lambda Chi fraternity has something different in store.

"Our theme for Airband this year is a workout theme, which you can expect pretty funny workout costumes, including leg warmers," Gahan said. "It's very humorous and high energy."

Lambda Chi Alpha has been practicing for both these events for almost four weeks.

"Obviously, we are looking to place in each event, and it's always your goal to place in the top three for each event," Gahan said. "This year we feel that we definitely have a strong chance of placing in Greek Sing even though there's a lot of competition."

Lambda Chi's Airband routine is the best Gahan has ever seen.

"If they pull it off, I definitely see them placing in the top three," Gahan said. "I think that Greek Week is a great time for everybody, and I am really proud of the work that my fraternity brothers have put in in the last few weeks."

"There has been a lot of dedication, and I think that all the other chapters did the same."

Hoffman said these events are big for Greek Week, but she just wants to make sure the girls go out and have fun.

"If we place, we place, but we are still having a good time together," she said.

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# Tugging for victory

## Tugs will begin Monday with a large field of competition

By SCOTT BANOVIC  
STAFF WRITER

Tugs is finally here. After months of preparing, fraternities and sororities can now begin to put the muscles they've been building to the test.

Tugs is a part of Greek Week where sororities and fraternities engage in a tug-of-war tournament across the Campus Pond behind Lantz Arena.

The Tugs tournament is taken very seriously by all who compete, and the sororities and fraternities have been preparing for months for the event. One of the main types of training among all the fraternities and sororities is tugging their competition.

"We have been tugging other fraternities and sororities four to six times a week for a while now. We feel the best method to prepare is experience," said Cliff Laine, a senior biology and marketing major and member

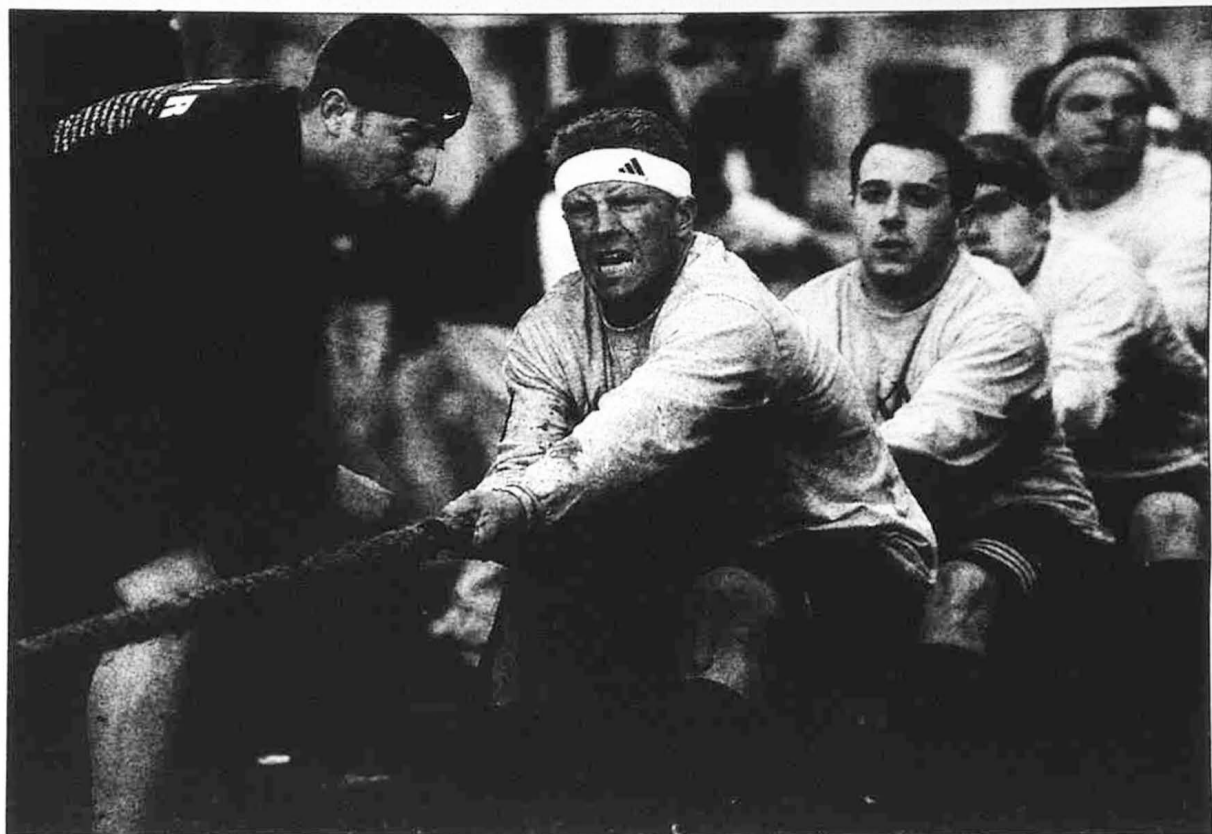
of Pi Kappa Alpha. "Weight gain and loss is also a part of training."

Preparation for Tugs is not secluded to only the sororities and fraternities. The field around Campus Pond has to be just right before Tugs can begin.

"On Wednesday, we covered the field near the pond so that the field would be in the right condition for the event to take place," said Matt Carlstrom, Greek Week Steering Committee co-chair. "Though Tugs has been going on for decades and it pretty much runs itself, (the committee) has been working for months to get everything just right."

Carlstrom said the steering committee needed to make sure the field was kept from the rain on Wednesday evening, but it needed to be uncovered Thursday so it wouldn't dry out.

The competition brackets are decided by having the top four finishers in each division from last year



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Lambda Chi Alpha's Big Men team tugs against Sigma Chi at the Campus Pond last year. Tugs begins Monday and goes through the rest of the week.

seeded, and then they draw their opponents out of a hat.

Last year, Sigma Pi won both the

Little Men's and Big Men's competitions and Alpha Phi took the women's division title.

The Tugs competition will begin on Monday and will continue until the finals, which take place April 9.

# Fun Games offer more of a relaxed competition

## Greek Court hosts new obstacle course

By KAYLA CROW  
STAFF WRITER

After a week full of competitive events like Tugs and Airband, Greek members will be able to relax their competitive edge and participate in an event titled Fun Games.

On April 7, the fraternities and sororities on campus will compete against each other in a series of obstacles throughout Greek Court.

"(Fun games) are all small events, which is fun after the big events like Greek Sing and

Airband," said Joy Hoffmann, a Kappa Delta member and junior psychology major. "It is fun because every sorority and fraternity participates, and it is more carefree, fun and relaxing."

Paul Lucas, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and a sophomore computer information systems major, said there are many games set up for Greeks to participate in.

"This year we will have an obstacle course set up," Lucas said. "They will have to run through tires, race big wheels around Greek Court and there will even be a Slip 'n' Slide covered in goo."

Jenna Kasik, an Alpha Phi member and junior special education early childhood education major, said she is looking forward to this year's Fun Games because she remembers events they have done in the past.

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PAUL LUCAS, SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

"Before, they have had a three-legged race, hula hoop competitions and other really fun stuff," Kasik said.

Though the Fun Games are a competition, the participants do not worry too much about who is the winner.

"We have such a good Greek system here," Hoffmann said. "It is great that we can com-

pete against each other in these games, but we're not cut throat; we cheer each other on."

Kasik also said the members of Alpha Phi are looking forward to Fun Games because of the fun atmosphere of the events.

"Everyone will be there for Fun Games," Kasik said. "We love to go and cheer everyone on. It is so much fun to be there together."

Fun Games will take place at 4 p.m. in the center of Greek Court.

Members of Eastern's Greek community are excited about the games and the chance to spend time with members of all of the fraternities and sororities on campus.

"It really unifies us all; everyone just has so much fun watching the games and being a part of every aspect of Greek Week," Hoffmann said.

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# In the running for Royalty

## King Candidates

<b>Adam Huhn</b>	Sigma Phi Epsilon
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<b>Paul Jonaff</b>	Phi Kappa Theta
<b>Kyle DeLatte</b>	Sigma Chi
<b>Drew Vondran</b>	Delta Sigma Phi
<b>Brendan Haas</b>	Pi Kappa Alpha
<b>Jim O'Hara</b>	Sigma Pi
<b>Matt Carlstrom</b>	Sigma Nu

## Introducing the men

By JESSICA CANTARELLI  
STAFF WRITER

As this year's Greek Week celebration begins, nine men representing their fraternities compete for the title of Greek Week King.

Ashley Caplinger, a member of the coronation committee, said a two-part application is the first step of the process. The application is worth 10 percent of the total points and is reviewed by four faculty judges.

Then the candidates have a 15-minute interview, which counts for 60 percent of the points.

The next step consists of voting, which counts for 30 percent of the process. Any member of the Greek community is welcome to vote from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for their Greek Week King at Unity Bingo Friday, April 1, on the North Quad, said Diane Howe, Panhellenic Council President.

"Women in sororities can vote for the king, and men in fraternities can vote for the queen at Bingo," Howe said.

The nine men nominated for Greek Week King are: Adam Huhn of Sigma Phi Epsilon,



**Amber Reed, an Alpha Gamma Delta member, and Dean Luzzo, a Sigma Epsilon member, were crowned as last year's Greek Week Queen and King, respectively.**

Matt Kulp of Delta Tau Delta, Stuart Ruwe of Lambda Chi Alpha, Paul Jonaff of Phi Kappa Theta, Kyle DeLatte of Sigma Chi, Drew Vondran of Delta Sigma Phi, Brendan Haas of Pi Kappa Alpha, Jim O'Hara of Sigma Pi, and Matt Carlstrom of Sigma Nu.

"It's an honor to be picked for something like this by such outstanding individuals," said Ruwe on being nominated for Greek Week King. Additional information about Greek Week coronation can be found at [www.eiu.edu/~greekwk](http://www.eiu.edu/~greekwk).

The Greek Week King will be announced Saturday evening during the Airband intermission in Lantz Arena.

## Queen Candidates

<b>Brooke Camfield</b>	Delta Zeta
<b>Ashley Clark</b>	Alpha Sigma Alpha
<b>Mo Gorman</b>	Kappa Delta
<b>Lindsey Kronmiller</b>	Sigma Kappa
<b>Lauren Kluge</b>	Sigma Sigma Sigma
<b>Nikki Sweeney</b>	Delta Delta Delta
<b>Carly LaMonica</b>	Alpha Phi
<b>Karen Poludniak</b>	Alpha Sigma Tau
<b>Diane Howe</b>	Alpha Gamma Delta

during the Airband intermission.

Each house nominates a person based on their grades, activities, involvement in the Greek community and their chapter and community service outside of the Greek community, said Molly Pine, a Sigma Kappa and junior childhood education major.

Just like the king candidates, the women need to fill out a two-part application.

The candidates are then interviewed by four judges for approximately 15 minutes. During the interview, the candidates are basically asked why they feel they would be a good representative of the Greek Community, said Ashley Caplinger, the chair of the Greek Week Steering Committee for Elections and Coronation.

"It gives me a great sense of pride that my house would choose me to represent them," said queen candidate Mo Gorman. "I currently am the secretary of my sorority, member of the Pink Panthers and also a member of a professional organization through education."

The candidates are judged in three different areas, 60 percent on the 15-minute interview, 30 percent on voting and 10 percent on their application, Caplinger said.

This year the nominees include Brooke Camfield of Delta Zeta, Ashley Clark of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Mo Gorman of Kappa Delta, Lindsey Kronmiller of Sigma Kappa, Lauren Kluge of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Nikki Sweeney of Delta Delta Delta, Carly Lamonica of Alpha Phi, Karen Polodniak of Alpha Sigma Tau and Diane Howe of Alpha Gamma Delta.

## And here are the women

By NICOLE NICOLAS  
FEATURE REPORTER

Every year the Greek community honors a woman who is highly involved in her chapter, Panhellenic Council and her community by crowning her the queen of Greek Week.

Each sorority nominates one woman from its chapter. The coronation will be on Saturday night

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# Tri-Delta starting to make a mark

## Newest sorority participates in its first Greek Week

BY ALYSSA GAENZLE  
STAFF WRITER

This year's Greek Week is different. The events planned are the same, but this year is different because Delta Delta Delta will be an addition to the sororities participating in the competition.

This is Tri-Delta's first year as a sorority on campus, and it is a mixture of freshman to senior girls.

This year Tri-Delta will participate in every aspect of Greek Week except for the Tugs competition, said Kristen Agee.

The other activities include Airband, Greek Sing, Pyramids, Canoe Races, Collegiate Bowl and Fun Games.

"As a whole, our sorority is extremely excited to present ourselves to the Greek community," said Agee, Tri-Delta's president. "We feel that Greek Week is a very big time of year for Greek life."

During Greek Week, the Greek community is able to give something back to the overall community by participating in community service.

All the fraternities and sororities participate in Jefferson Fun Days, a service project at Jefferson Elementary School, and Up 'Til Dawn, which raises money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Agee said.

"St. Jude's is part of our own philanthropy, and it is really cool that we get to help them out during Greek Week," Agee said.

Ashley Chacon, Tri-Delta's music chair officer, has been in charge of organizing Greek Sing this year.

"It is very overwhelming because



Members of Delta Delta Delta practice a medley of dances for Airband on Wednesday evening in McFfee Gymnasium. Tri-Delta is competing in its first Greek Week since coming to campus this year.

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there is so much to do and we're all doing a lot since there, are not very many of us yet," Chacon said.

Tri-Delta's participation in Greek Week this year is a welcome addition to the rest of the Greek community.

"I'm very excited that Tri-Delta has chosen to jump head-first into Greek Week this year," said Matt Carlstrom, an overall co-chair for Greek Week Steering Committee. "It's a fantastic way for the ladies to get their names out there as a new organization and to serve as a reminder to the rest of the chapters just how much Eastern's Greek community is ever-changing

**"So this is a time where we get to show off who we are; we get to set our own reputation."**

ASHLEY CHACON, TRI-DELTA MUSIC CHAIR OFFICER

and advancing for the future."

Appearing as an entire group to the Greek community is also important to the women of Tri-Delta.

"They all know us, but they haven't seen us," Chacon said. "So this is a time where we get to show off who we are; we get to set our own reputa-

tion."

When Tri-Delta first started, there was a lot of uncertainty, but now the women have been able to come together and are able to focus on the big picture of what Tri-Delta is about, Agee said.

"A lot of work goes into this, and

we're not really in it for the competition," she said.

Other members agree.

"We're just looking to get our name out within the Greek community and get involved," Chacon said.

And many are proud of the new sorority's efforts thus far.

"For Tri-Delta, regardless of the outcome of this year's competition, the ladies can, and should, take pride in the fact that they gave it their best and that they made the decision as an organization to be an active member of the Greek Community in their first year," Carlstrom said.

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Mike Brown, a sophomore psychology major and last year's anchor for the Sigma Nu Little Men Tug team, strains to keep his footing in the mud during a Tugs match against Delta Tau Delta last year at the Campus Pond. Sigma Nu won the match with a time of 4:06 in the heat of Greek Week 2004.

# TUGS:

*an event rich with tradition*

A nearly 50-year-old event, Tugs proves to be popular among Greeks

BY DAVID THILL  
STAFF WRITER

One flag drops. Two flags drop. A shotgun is heard and the tug begins.

The tugs competition is nearly a 50-year-old tradition on Eastern's campus and seems to be getting more and more popular every year, said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life. The competition pits fraternities and sororities head-to-head in a battle for bragging rights, he said.

Students, their parents and other members of the community come out to watch the competition, Dudolski said.

One of the aspects that makes the competition interesting is the fact that it's "not just picking up a rope," Dudolski said.

"It's not a simple event," he said. "A lot goes into planning.

"You can't really describe it, you have to see it."

The tug itself is broken up into three different divisions. There are Big Men and Little Men categories as well as the Women's category. The Big Men's and Women's categories are based on a collective weight system, while the maximum weight for someone competing in the Little Men's category is 170 lbs., said Paul Lucas, member of the Greek Week Steering Committee.

Teams are allowed two minutes to get set for the tug, he said. After that, each team lowers a flag signaling that they are ready. As soon as the third per-

son on the rope touches the campus pond, the tug is over.

To some, the competition is more than just a game.

"It's very serious," Lucas said. "As soon as the tug is over, some guys hit the weight room."

Some actually train all year for the tug, he said.

For Janet Mandro, member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, training for the event begins in February. Running and lifting is just part of the training regimen, she said.

But why take it so seriously?

"It's the drive behind it," Mandro said. "There's nothing like it in Greek Week or all of college life. We're out there to have fun, but in a competitive nature."

The tug is very tiresome, Lucas said.

"Every house tries very hard," he said. "It's going to be a great tug this year."

Cliff Laine, member of Pi Kappa Alpha, practices actually tugging, as well as other forms of conditioning with the purpose of winning the whole thing.

"It's definitely on everyone's mind," Laine said. "(You) take it pretty seriously, but (losing) won't be the end of the world.

"It reminds you of sports in high school."

"It's an Eastern tradition. It's kind of ingrained in the campus community," Dudolski said. "All you have to do is say the name 'Tugs,' and people know what you are talking about."



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The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha line up to take on the women of Alpha Phi in last year's Women Tugs Championship. Alpha Phi won with a time of 1:02.