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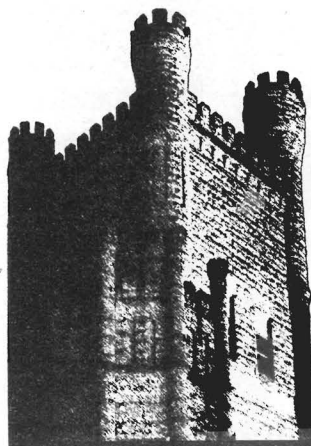
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A young girl rides on a float during the fourth of July parade in Charleston on Monday.



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Four-year-old Kristyn Hayworth plays in the bubbles of the foam machine in Morton Park Saturday during the Red, White and Blue Days festival.

“Back in the early 90s the Red, White and Blue Days were much smaller than now.”

BETTY COFFRIN, FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE MEMBER

It was all Red, White and Blue

BY CHRIS LUTHER
CITY EDITOR

Charleston started Red, White and Blue Days 15 years ago during the Desert Storm Conflict. Former President George Bush, Sr. declared July fourth a national celebration and in 1990 Charleston's Fourth of July Committee was formed.

Betty Coffrin has been a part of the committee since it began. According to Coffrin, the Red, White and Blue Days used to be very small in comparison to the current celebration.

"Back in the early 90s the Red, White and Blue Days were much smaller than now," Coffrin said. "Over the years the festival has

gained popularity, and now it is larger than I could have imagined.

"The first few years we had mostly local bands for the whole festival," Coffrin said. "One aspect that helped the festivities grow was the involvement of all the non-profit organizations. They have helped a lot."

Ryan Hester, a senior physical

education major, agreed and said he felt that the celebration was a success and larger than he expected.

"I enjoyed the parade very much," Hester said. "I thought the only parade in Charleston was the (Eastern) homecoming parade, but this parade lasted a long time."

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From music to marketing

Retired professor appointed director of educational marketing at national company

BY SARAH WHITNEY
CAMPUS EDITOR

During his 28 year career as an Eastern music professor, Johnny Lee Lang loved working with his students.

"Every year a new freshman group would come in and that was the reason why it kept me so young," he said.

The first lesson his new students learned from Lang was that the boss is always right. Once he got that into the kids, he said, everything else was easy.



JOHNNY LEE LANG,
FORMER EASTERN
MUSIC PROFESSOR

"They think college is like high school but it's not," he said. "Everything (students) did in high school (they) will not do here, and that's a good thing."

After his retirement from Eastern in 2002, Lang accepted a tenured position at Indiana University. And now, Remo, Inc. has hired him as their Director of Educational Marketing. Remo is a company that manufactures drumheads—the material that a drummer strikes to generate a beat. Out of the top 12 Band Corps in the United States, Remo sponsors 11.

We're going to make education a priority in the company because without education, consumers don't know what's going on, Lang said about what he hopes to accomplish with the job. His responsibilities include attending band corp concerts across the nation and organizing Remo tours. He supports the people who are working band clinics and workshops and brings along extra drumheads for emergencies.

Without a good solid percussionist in a band or orchestra, the entire show can be destroyed, said Lang.

"I made sure that my students were the very best. And when they went out to grad school or jobs that was a fact," Lang said. "And it all made a difference right there in the corn fields of Illinois. People told me that it couldn't happen in the cornfields of Illinois. I like people to tell me that it can't be done, because that only motivates me to do it."

Banner System Project to help campus become one

Eastern looks at how other universities implement new computer systems

BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

As Eastern replaces its central computer systems with newer, integrated software, administrators say they can learn from the experiences of other universities.

Eastern's \$6.6 million plan to implement computer software, known as the Banner System Project through SunGard, SCT, began last spring.

According to the project definition, Eastern's current software is separate and becoming obsolete since many of the programs were created by its information technology service workers in the 1960's.

The new software Eastern has purchased will unify the university's academic and administrative computer systems including financial records, billing receivables, alumni development and textbook rental, according

to the project definition.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign purchased software through SunGard, SCT to implement a Banner system about three years ago, said Bill Witsman, Eastern's Banner project manager.

"There was some bad press for the project implementation," said Todd Nelson, who managed the project for two years at the Urbana-Champaign campus. "A lot of it was

user dissatisfaction."

"We had some down time with the new system but, then again, we did with the old system," Nelson said.

He added that it was not unusual for technical problems to occur with any computer system.

A group of Eastern administrators learned more about U of I's Banner system at the Midwest Educause Regional Conference in March, said Michael R. Hoadley, assistant vice

president for academic affairs for technology.

Comments made by U of I officials "were not negative about Banner per sebut more about their lack of understanding about the complexity of implementing it on their campus," he said.

Converting student information from an old system to a Banner system

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AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Female enrollment down

CARBONDALE- Next year, SIUC will begin recruiting and offering new scholarships to draw female students, Vice chancellor of diversity Seymour Bryson said.

Although women make up more than half of the United State's population, the population of female students at SIUC cannot seem to make it past 46 percent.

The female student population peaked in fall 2002 and 2003 at 46 percent, but has since declined to 45 percent in fall 2004, according to the University's Institutional Research & Studies.

Bryson said because the female population is the fastest growing worldwide, the disparity between the male and female student populations is a growing concern.

"We need to bring more focus to increasing the number of female students," he said.

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Loan rates rise

For senior kinesiology major Adrienne Scott education has had a high price.

Scott has worked her way through college and has had to take out a few loans.

She has recieved loans through Sallie Mae, Stanford, Perkins and Direct loans. A list of she can barely remember there are so many.

"It is going to take me years to pay off," she said. "Most likely my entire life."

Debt is a fact that surrounds most college students and now is getting worst since the rates of loans rose July 1.

Rates for Stafford loans have recently been 2.77 percent while borrowers are in school and for six months after graduation, and 3.37 percent after that, including a rate of 4.17 percent.

However these rates are increasing by nearly 2 percent. As of July 1, the new Stafford variable rate are 4.7 percent for borrowers like Scott who are still in school, or 5.3 percent for those in the repayment phase.

A 1-percentage point increase in the prevailing student loan rate can add \$2,500 to the 20-year cost of the average graduate's \$20,000 loan burden, according to an MSN report.

"If it were going to take 10 years to pay, now it is going to take me 20 years," Scott said.

"NIU should reinforce a lot more about scholarships and grants to students," Scott said, "So they would be less in debt."

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CORRECTIONS

Corrections will appear on Page Two.

SCRUB-A-DUB-DUB



SARAH WHITNEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Professor of Biological Sciences Jim McGaughey, cleans out one of his aquariums on the Life Science Building's north side Wednesday. "I'm moving to a new room," he said. "So I took the opportunity to clean up." McGaughey kept some fish and plants in the aquarium that he said hadn't been cleaned for close to six years.

ONLINE POLL

How excited are you about the release of the sixth Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince?"

- A) Thrilled, can't you tell?
- B) I am going to camp outside of the Wal-Mart the night before it comes out so I can be sure to get my copy.
- C) I'll read it when the library gets it and I have absolutely nothing else to do.
- D) Book? What's a book? When does the movie come out?

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WORLD

London to host 2012 summer Olympic games

SINGAPORE (AP) - London vs. Paris. Tea and crumpets vs. wine and cheese. British determination vs. French confidence.

The hotly contested race to host the 2012 Olympics came down to an Old World battle of rival cities separated or centuries by culture and Channel.

Surprise. London won.

The British capital, which last had the games in 1948 while continental Europe was rebuilding in the aftermath of World War II, upset Paris 54-50 on the fourth ballot Wednesday.

Moscow, New York and Madrid were knocked out in the first three rounds of the International Olympic committee vote.

WTF?

Rescuer arrested

SAN MARCOS, TX- A man who rescued a swimmer caught in swirling river currents found himself in trouble soon afterwards when he was arrested by authorities who claimed he was interfering.

Dave Newman, 48, disobeyed repeated orders by emergency personnel to leave the water, police said. He was charged with interfering with public duties.

"I was amazed," Newman said after his release on \$2,000 bail. "I had a very uncomfortable night after saving that guy's life. He thanked me for it in front of the police, and then they took me to jail."

PEOPLE

Jolie adopts baby girl

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) - Angelina Jolie is adopting an orphaned Ethiopian baby girl.

Jolie visited the African nation last week to file her adoption request, accompanied by Brad Pitt and her 3-year-old son, Maddox, whom she adopted in Cambodia, an official said Wednesday.

"The paperwork has gone through. Miss Angelina's request was accepted last week," Hadosh Halefom, head of the country's state-run adoption agency, told The Associated Press.

The twice-divorced Jolie has often talked of adopting a second child.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until the new Harry Potter book comes out

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- 1. iratably or peevishly sensitive.
- 2. Touchy

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You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

-Irish proverb

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Library breaks ground

\$7 million expansion begins with a dirt clod

BY CHRIS LUTHER
CITY EDITOR

Benjamin Franklin founded the first public library June 30, 1731, and the 275th anniversary that took place last Thursday meant something extra to Charleston residents.

Spectators gathered behind Charleston's Carnegie Public Library for the groundbreaking ceremony, which is the beginning of a \$7 million expansion that is expected to last two years. Voters passed a referendum to expand the library and Rosemary Sheppard, a library committee member, thanked them for it during her opening statements.

"The library board would like to thank all voters who made this possible," Sheppard said. "Several months ago I never thought this would happen, but the supporters of the referendum made it happen."

Charleston resident Owen Michael, 98, was one of the spectators present at the ceremony. Construction on the current Charleston Carnegie Library was completed in 1905, which makes the library only two years older than Michael.

"I used come around here when I was a young boy," Michael said. "That's when this library was only a few years old."

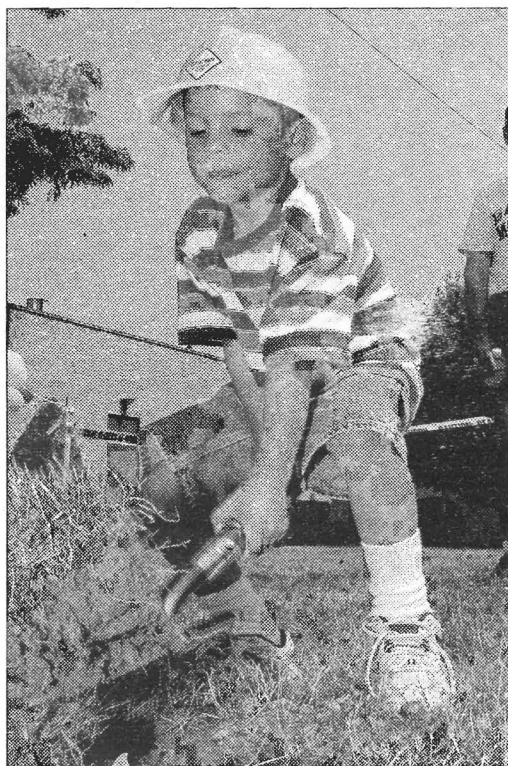
Michael looked on with other crowd members as local children and Carnegie Public Library officials broke ground on the structure's new foundation.

"I'm glad to see this," Michael said. "The current library isn't going anywhere, it's being improved."

Charleston Mayor John Inyart was among the diggers at the ceremony. Before and after the ceremony, Inyart thanked and congratulated the library board for its work on this project.

"Charleston has needed this for years and years," Inyart said. "This will be one of those places in Charleston people can point to with pride and say 'this belongs to us.'"

Another digger at the groundbreaking ceremony was 10-year-old Zach Klinger. Klinger was one of several youths who participated in the digging, and when asked if he enjoyed digging, he simply replied "yes." When Klinger was asked if he was excited for the new library he shrugged his shoulders and gave no reply.



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Perez struggles to lift a dirt clod June 30, at Carnegie Library in Charleston. Thursday was the ground breaking ceremony for the new addition to the library.

Textbook rental relocated

BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATIVE EDITOR

Students will be renting textbooks near Greek Court, if plans to construct a building northeast of the housing on Edgar Drive materialize.

The relocation of Textbook Rental Services is part of the university's campus master plan which began five years ago to provide "a direction for the development of programs on campus," said Steve Shrake, manager of construction and design.

"The area where (Textbook Rental Services is) located now is very congested during the beginning and the end of the semester," Shrake said.

He explained that illegal parking is not uncommon among students at the current location.

"We'll try to (move Textbook Rental Services) to an area a little more convenient to the parking and convenient for the housing area," Shrake said.

The project could cost anywhere from \$1 million to \$2 million, he said.

Administrators originally proposed that Textbook Rental Services occupy Greek Court Building 7 on Edgar Drive.

"The space that was allocated just wasn't big enough," Shrake said. "But we'll still try to stay within the same geographic location."

Textbook Rental Services currently occupies about 11,000-square feet in Pemberton Hall. Space for the new location would range from 15,000 to 20,000-square feet, he said.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life at Eastern said he is not concerned about the relocation.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with Greek Court," he said.

Carol Miller, deputy director of Eastern's Textbook Rental Services was not available for comment.

Grounds staff combats dry weather by watering

BY SARAH WHITNEY
CAMPUS EDITOR

Drought conditions exist throughout Illinois, and Eastern's plant life suffers right along with the corn crops.

Rain, which obviously moisturizes top soil with nutrients needed to sustain plant life, has been lacking more than usual this summer.

Illinois State Climatologist Jim Angel said his records show that since

March 1, Charleston has had 7.68 inches of rainfall when the average is 16.47 inches; Mattoon has had 6.31 inches of rainfall when the average is 15.91 inches; Paris has had 8.56 inches when the average is 16.46 inches; and Windsor has had 6.78 inches of rainfall when the average is 15.70 inches.

To combat the lack of rainfall, Grounds Superintendent Jon Collins said, "We're doing a lot of watering."

Despite the ground crews watering efforts, Collins said that some bushes and trees have died and the grass is going dormant.

Thut Greenhouse Manager Steve Malehorn, tends 1,000 plant species in the Eastern Greenhouse, in addition to the outside and courtyard gardens located on the greenhouses north and south sides. He said he has been watering two to three times a day, especially the outside garden where two large trees grow.

Collins said that workers could tell if a plant needs watering by whether or not its leaves are curled or it has turned brown.

Malehorn echoed Collins' tell tale signs. If a tree's leaves are curled, then it needs to be watered, he said while pointing out the curled leaves of a cherry tree growing next to the walk way on greenhouse's south side.

"Since it is July it's going to be hard to keep it watered enough so that its leaves will uncurl," he said.

The cherry tree's location next to the walk way decreases its ability to absorb water because its roots extend underneath the walk way, and it is hard to water under the concrete,

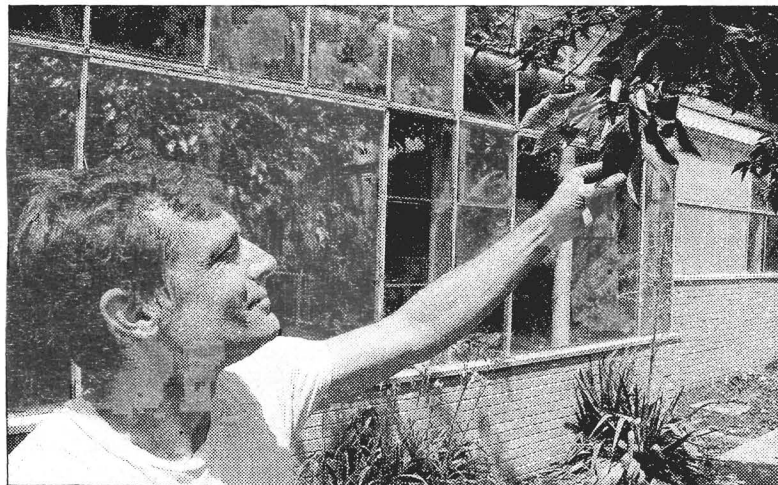
Malehorn said.

Bigger trees on campus, the grounds staff does not worry about watering, Collins said, because they have already survived previous droughts. The crew mainly waters the younger trees that were planted in the past two or three years that have not dealt with a drought, Collins said.

To help campus plant life cope with summer's heat, Eastern has installed several in-ground automatic irrigation systems that run out of the campus pond. These systems keep the varsity softball, rugby and baseball fields watered, Collins said. Other on-campus irrigation systems water the soccer field, the practice soccer field, the planted islands out on Lincoln and an area surrounding the flag pole in front of Old Main.

As for Eastern's water bill, Collins said, "The big users are the athletic fields and those are coming out of the pond, so there's no charge for that."

If the rain does not come soon, some of the plant life will die, but most of it is resilient so it will go dormant and will come back when it rains again, Collins said.



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Steven Malehorn, manager for the Thut Greenhouse, shows how the heat has affected a cherry tree near the greenhouse.

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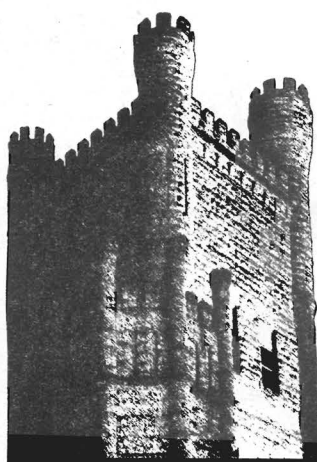
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EDITORIAL

County needs health options

At issue

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board denied Carle Foundation Hospital's application to expand into Coles County with a new surgical center.

Our stance

Coles County residents deserve to have another health care option to choose from besides Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in order to better serve a majority of residents.

After a lengthy application process, the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board denied Champaign-based Carle Foundation Hospital's petition to build a surgicenter in Coles County on the basis that there is no sufficient need for the facility. The board voted 0-4 on June 24 to deny Carle Hospital's certificate of need, despite results of surveys of local residents and health care decision makers showing that many residents would like to have a second local health care option.

"Eighty percent of the health care decision makers in Coles County believe residents should have a choice of inpatient and outpatient hospital services available locally, according to a survey conducted for Carle Foundation Hospital," reads a press release received from Carle Clinic Public Relations Director Gretchen Robbins.

"It is difficult to dismiss this huge percentage of Coles County citizens who say they should have a choice in their health care options, plus the tremendous savings that are possible for everyone," Cathy Emanuel, Carle Foundation Hospital's vice president for business development, said in the release.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, already established in Mattoon with its own freestanding surgical center, declined the invitation to partner with Carle on the project, saying in a statement that "it duplicates the services provided at the Health Center."

But the Carle Clinic Association says that more than 26 percent of Mattoon-Charleston residents leave the area for health care, with approximately 5,000 choosing to be hospitalized outside of Coles County. If Sarah Bush offered all necessary services to Coles County residents, why are so many residents leaving the county to be cared for elsewhere?

Robbins believes there is a need for the facility in Mattoon as a means of supporting their patients already visiting physicians at the branch clinic, which was opened in 1990 "to serve the many patients living in the Coles County area."

"Many of these patients are Health Alliance Medical Plan members, who choose Carle for their care," Robbins said. "It's always been important to us to bring services closer to home for the people we serve."

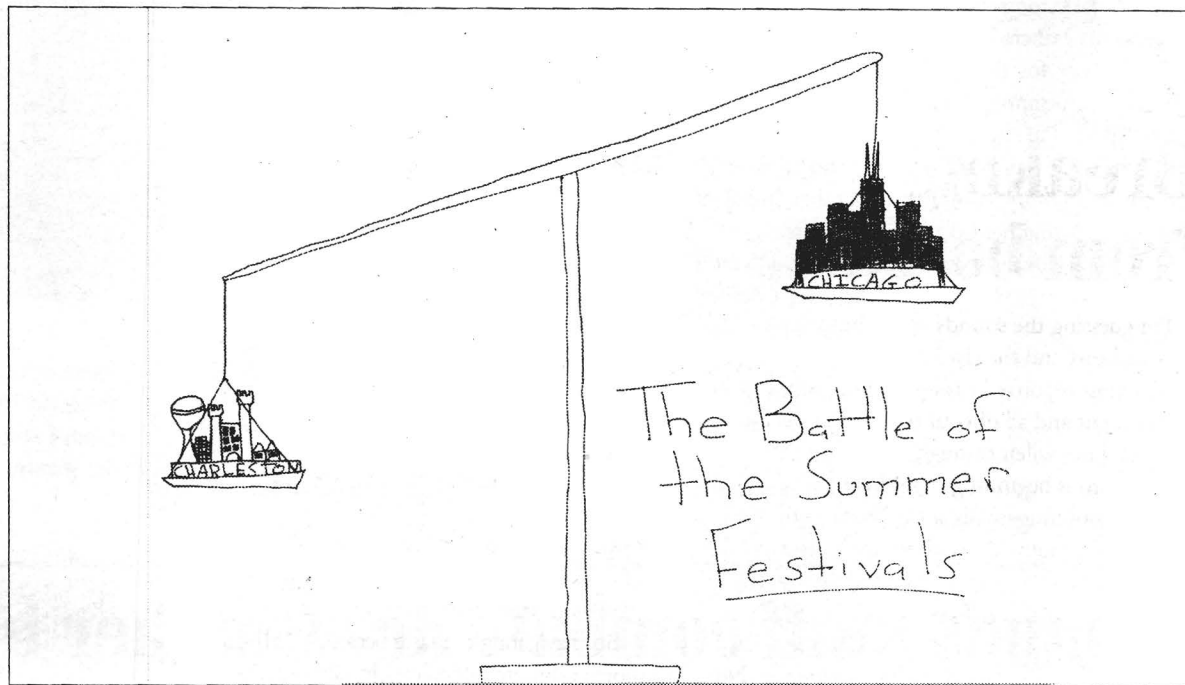
Robbins stated that Carle has worked successfully with rural hospitals in other areas to enhance patient care. "So, ideally, we would like for SBLHC to join us and local independent physicians in making this facility a reality. In doing so, SBLHC could eventually come out ahead financially," she said.

What matters most, however, would be the ability for Coles County residents to choose where they want to go for their health care needs.

"Many people, about 4,500, simply are choosing to not have their procedures at SBLHC, so there will always be capacity at the local hospital," Robbins said. "People are making their choices with their feet and leaving the area. The proposed surgery center is the best opportunity to keep business in Coles County."

By having this surgicenter available in Coles County, residents could feel more secure that they are receiving the best treatment possible, since they can have more than one local option from which to choose.

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COLUMN

Red, white and blue outdoes the Taste

Independence Day is the best time of the year to show American pride. It is a pure and everlasting image of American tradition.

As July makes its way closer on the calendar year, people prepare to celebrate their country's independence with good barbecue, music, fireworks and friends.

The largest July Fourth celebration in Illinois is the Taste of Chicago. Last weekend concluded the Taste, which offered more than 60 restaurants throughout Grant Park to people who traveled from all over the state to attend.

Throughout the duration of the Taste, many famous artists played to satisfy the 3.6 million people who attended. Some of these artists include LL Cool J, Moby and also the Grant Park Orchestra. The 3.6 million attendees bought more samples of food than the human stomach has room for and listened to free music.

However, I can think of one artist the Taste didn't have, which is Aaron Tippin. Sorry Chicago, but we booked him first. Tippin entertained



CHRIS LUTHER
SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

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"Independence Day is the best time of year to show American pride."

thousands Sunday afternoon at Morton Park where spectator's spirits were very high. The crowd enthusiastically cheered throughout the performance as Tippin put on a good show.

As my friends and I were leaving the concert, we somehow (like many others leaving the show) wandered into the beer garden set up at the Panther Paw parking lot. It was the friendliest bar environment I've been in for quite some time. Independence Day brings out the best in us (Americans).

This is the first July Fourth I have spent in Charleston, and I was impressed with the coordination of events that occurred in our very own back yard. Red, White and Blue Days offered many events to Coles County residents Sunday and Monday.

I awoke Monday morning to see neighbors setting up chairs along our street for the parade. At 1:15 p.m. we saw firefighters leading the march of a very long regiment stripped with red, white and blue.

I followed the parade to Morton Park, where I saw children dancing in water being sprayed from above by local firefighters. I can tell you one thing, firefighters in Chicago weren't doing at the Taste, and that was spraying down youngsters and enjoying the festivities. Chicago firefighters had their hands filled with 3.6 million people flooding the streets in a shoulder-to-shoulder gridlock.

I applaud the Fourth of July committee because it went above my expectations. A small-town Fourth of July encompasses American tradition that everyone can enjoy.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROTC SHOULD NOT RECRUIT AT ORIENTATION

I attended a session of EIU Debut for incoming freshmen (a day for orientation and registration) on July 6.

A representative of ROTC on EIU's campus opened the session, welcomed incoming students and their parents and then spoke, using effective marketing strategies, for about ten minutes about the advantages to students

of joining ROTC.

Only then did the program turn to general orientation.

I wonder how many of us in the EIU community are aware that ROTC has this position of privilege and prominence at our orientation sessions for new students.

Is this really how we want to be perceived: before all else, as a recruitment site for the armed forces?

I would prefer to present ourselves

as above all an institution of higher learning.

ROTC should be allowed to have a booth at the "Panther Fair" alongside other campus organizations and services.

It should not dominate the orientation for new students as it now is being allowed to do.

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THE GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING



TIM EMMERLING
VERGE EDITOR

Breaking away from boredom

I'm guessing the sounds you're hearing belong to your heart and the clock.

The reason you're hearing them is because it's Friday night and all of your plans, even the back-up ones, have fallen through.

Boredom is beginning to set in.

Take your fingernails away from your teeth though. We both know they don't taste good, and judging from where they've been today, that's completely unsanitary.

You should stop staring at the wall too. Trust me here because I speak from experience: No matter how much your mind wills it, no matter how hard you wish for it, the wall will not morph into Michael Flatley and his band of river dancers to entertain you for hours on end.

Don't worry though, and don't fret either. The following is your guide to beating boredom.

You can thank me for this later.

CALL STRANGERS

Well, not complete strangers.

We're talking about those names at the bottom of your cell phone's contact list that you've been meaning to delete.

There's no better time to catch up with these types than when you're bored.

Plus, what would you do instead? Read? Please...

When you're on the phone with Jim Bob, don't tell him you're sitting in the dark by yourself feeling lonely and depressed either. Tell him in your loudest, proudest voice that you recently won the lottery and you're planning a trip to Alaska with grandma and the folks.

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TRY TV OR MOVIES

Let's get one thing straight before we begin: Reruns from Seinfeld and the Simpsons are okay, but reruns of Full House and the Nanny are not.

Did you really want to fill the silence with Fran Drescher's cackling? I think I'd rather find something sharp and...

Anyway, when used properly, the idiot box is a great way to kill some time while relaxing.

Just make sure you've got ample battery power in the remote before you get to it. Could you imagine the pain if you and Fran had to spend the evening together because your body won't leave the couch to change the channel once it gets comfortable?

Stop the situation before it happens by taking the proper precautions.

GO FOR A WALK

I know. You've had a busy day shuffling around town all morning and afternoon and burning more calories is the last thing you want to do.

But listen: Grab your shoes and a bottle of Mace because a nice stroll during the evening hours really lets the body unwind.

And don't listen to the guy across the way saying "Look at that lonely S.O.B."

He's the lonely one. Just keep telling your self that and everything will be fine.

Mmmmm....

Millions flock for Taste of Chicago

BY TIM EMMERLING
VERGE EDITOR

The scent of drenched, unkempt arm pits collaborated with a breeze of popular and exotic foods to create this year's Taste of Chicago.

Taste enthusiasts of all ages, on foot and stroller, filled the streets beyond their capacity, holding fistfuls of tickets and appetites that grew with each breath.

But navigating the taste became more and more difficult with each step taken beyond the entrance. Crowds became thicker, the air grew warmer and visibility diminished.

"I've got a whole bunch of tickets that I can't even use," said Bob Klapetti of Naperville. "You wait in line at [the ticket] booth for twenty minutes, get back into the crowd and then you're pushed around for getting in the way while you're trying to look around."

Klapetti was one of many who fell victim to the unforgiving movement of the herd-like crowd.

"It's my fault," Klapetti said. "I should've come on a weekday. These tickets are going to wind up bum food."

But the masses didn't stop everyone from enjoying the wide selection of foods.

Daniel Roberts, 17, of Chicago was spooning a stringy meat into his mouth while sitting underneath the shade of a tree to avoid the crowds and the sun for a moment's time.

"This is alligator with a Cajun sauce,"

Roberts said. "It tastes like a spicy beef."

Roberts had been walking around all afternoon and finally spotted something exotic that he couldn't get at home.

"I had to try it," he said.

More standard tastes like pizza, ribs, steak sandwiches and ice cream inspired desserts were also popular items at the event.

Most tents offered a "taste portion," a smaller piece of food, and

three larger meal selections to choose from.

"I've been trying things from here and there as I pass by," said Barb Terry of Chicago. "There's just too much to settle for one thing and I'm not

going to

up with a fireworks display around 9:30 p.m.

The show lasted for about 30 minutes and wowed crowd members who clapped and cheered several times throughout.

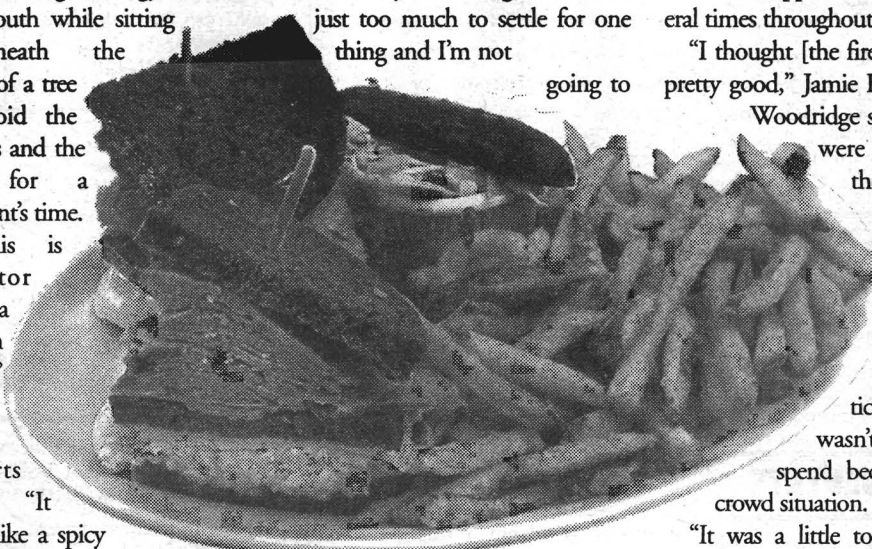
"I thought [the fireworks] were pretty good," Jamie Horn, 23, of Woodridge said. "There were a lot of them."

When Horn got home; however, she was still holding 17 tickets that she wasn't able to spend because of the crowd situation.

"It was a little too crowded," Horn said. "I think they needed more regulations as far as where people walk."

Horn even wondered whether children should be allowed into the event in the first place.

"It would be a lot more fun if they had better organization," she said. "I think strollers should be banned and kids should have little ropes with their parents so they don't get lost."



fill up on a

hamburger."

Terry, who has attended the taste in the past, agreed that the crowds were huge but that it's no surprise.

"You've got to expect this type of turnout," Terry said. "We're talking about good food and lots of it. Why wouldn't people come out in record numbers?"

Last Sunday's taste was wrapped

REVIEW ROUND-UP

Remake gets sappy



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BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Grade: B-

Apparently, it takes an apocalyptic war to bring Tom Cruise to tears.

In Stephen Spielberg's "War of the Worlds," slimy but robot-like monsters emerge from the earth's core, obliterating practically all living things in their path.

Spielberg crams this film with signature special effects but leaves plenty of

room for fatherhood drama.

The father, played by Cruise, desperately defends the lives of his 10-year-old daughter, played by Dakota Fanning, and his teenage son, played by Justin Chatwin. The group manages to escape from an attack of "tripod" monsters by way of a minivan. Tension unravels between the father and his offspring due to his lack of involvement in the children's early years.

This flick is likely to induce a few cringes, gasps and for the gentle-hearted, the need for a Kleenex.

Batman goes back to the underworld

BY DAVID THILL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Grade: A

When viewers last saw "Batman" he was battling Arnold Schwarzenegger and Uma Thurman in a Gotham City that had morphed from the dark and seedy world it was once meant to be into a flashy, gaudy, circus-like metropolis. In fact, the change in the caped crusader's surroundings was just the first in a series of horrendous things gone awry in the Batman movie series.

Where "Batman and Robin" fell short, "Batman Begins" goes the distance. A return to a dark and shadowy underworld of Gotham, making what had become a campy parody of itself has once again become a viable movie, yet again.

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1 Letter in radio communications

5 "I finally finished!"

10 Have ___ in one's bonnet

14 Gun man

15 Hoist again, as a sail

16 Darling dog

17 With 27-, 39-, 46- and 62-Across, a brain teaser, whose answer appears in the circled squares

20 Dark brown

21 It may come out of left field

22 ___ fit

23 Game with 108 cards

25 Informed of

27 See 17-Across

35 Fight stopper, at times

36 Mayo is part of it

37 Loose overcoat

38 One may be rolled

39 See 17-Across

41 Long ___

42 Outline

44 Flier to Copenhagen

45 Like Lincoln: Abbr.

46 See 17-Across

50 Former Israeli president Weizman

51 Once known as

52 Oil source

55 Lincoln, to friends

58 Cousin of a guanaco

62 See 17-Across

65 Destructive 2004 hurricane

66 Put up

67 Shangri-la

68 Jiffs

69 "Are too!" response

70 Leaf collector

DOWN

1 Isn't passive

2 Emmy nominee for "The West Wing"

3 Lead balloon

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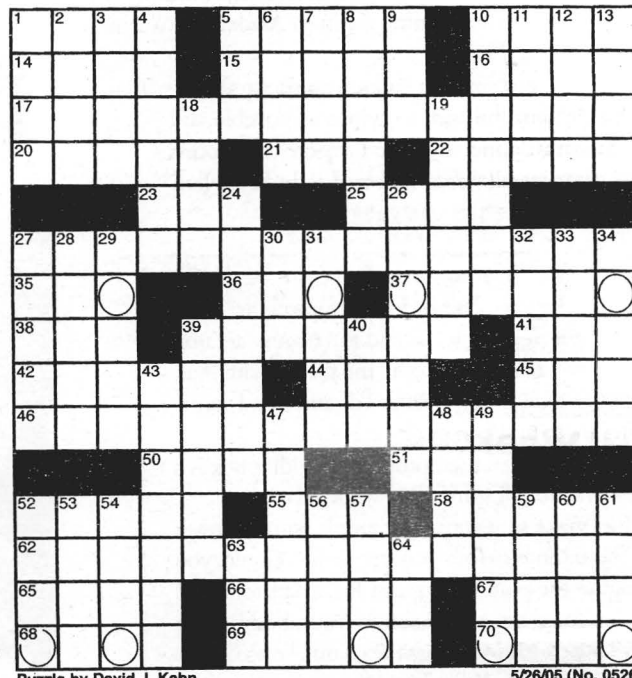
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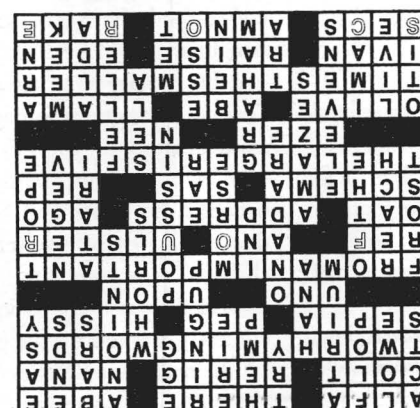
24 Why a risk may be taken



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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



26 Nicolas, 17th-century French Classical painter

27 Fall coat

28 Boxer's asset

29 "... that government people ..."

30 Neighbor of Ky.

31 Code name

32 Company that once employed Steve Jobs

33 Israeli place name that means "south"

34 Metaphor, literally

39 Blows away

40 ___ canal

43 High rolls

47 Semisweet cracker

48 Ward on the set

49 Guy

52 Singer Redding

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54 Apple best seller

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I was impressed."

Hester was one of the many Charleston residents that lined the streets to see Veterans of Foreign Wars, firefighters, Miss Coles County Ingrid McCallister and many others march down the street during the parade. The parade started at 1 p.m. at the Town Square and arrived at its destination point Morton Park 45 minutes later.

John Morrissey, another long-time committee member and a Charleston resident, said the same core of people have been working on the festival since its beginning and attributed this experience to the smoothness of this year's celebration.

Coffrin said she also felt the festivities went smoothly. "The celebrations this year went off without a hitch," she said. "There were no major problems or setbacks."

Fourth of July Committee member Mike Ziebka also attributed this year's success to good planning. Ziebka said the progression of Red, White and Blue Days is largely contributed to local support.

"Momentum has been outstanding for the celebration," Ziebka said. "The generosity over the years has been great."

COMPUTERS:

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is a huge challenge, said Vicki Winn, director of institutional computing services at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind.

The university spent about two years preparing for and carrying out conversions of student data with the new software, she said.

Indiana State tested the waters with its Banner project by first implementing the new technology for alumni services, a less visible area of the university, Winn said.

"The truth is there are hundreds of institutions that have used Banner effectively," Witsman said. "We are interested in problems that other institutions have had simply for the fact that we want to avoid those same pitfalls."

Eastern's new software will not be changed before it is implemented, he said.

"We have and continue to use consulting services from SCT," Witsman said. "We have a fairly extensive structure of committee and teams."

Additionally, Eastern's new technology will be constantly updated by SunGard, SCT as needs, rules and laws change, said Chat Chatterji, associate vice president for Information Technology at Eastern.

"Doing something like this requires the whole campus to 'buy in' and be a part of making it happen successfully and efficiently, rather than sit back and criticize or make excuses why it should not be done," Hoadley said.

A group of 150 Eastern employees will be trained to use the new software over the next few years, Witsman said.

Those people will facilitate training programs for the entire campus, he said.

Eastern's Banner System Project will be divided into five major installments expected to be complete by 2008, Witsman said.

Nation heads collide on global warming compromise

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENEAGLES, Scotland—World leaders faced pressure from the United States to scale back goals for relieving African poverty and combatting global AIDS, but British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday he planned to keep campaigning for his ambitious objectives with other world leaders.

The heads of the Group of Eight nations began arriving Wednesday at this posh golf resort for three days of discussions. Blair, as the host, was first to arrive, coming from Singapore where he had engaged in a round of last-minute lobbying on London's successful bid to serve as host for the summer Olympics in 2012.

When asked about reports that Britain is preparing to scale back its demands on support for Africa and climate change in the face of U.S. opposition, Blair said he is "prepared to hold out for what is right."

Blair told reporters there was no point in "speculating on what the bones of the agreement may be because we have not got it yet."

Blair commented at a joint appearance with Irish rock star Bono and Bob Geldof, who organized the Live 8 concerts last weekend aimed at putting pressure on the G-8 leaders to do more to fight poverty and disease in Africa.

"Three billion people are urging you to take it all the way," Geldof told Blair, referring to the number of people organizers have estimated attended or watched the weekend concerts on television.

While the world leaders arrived at the resort, thousands of anti-globalization protesters took to the streets in the nearby village of Auchterarder. They were led by a bagpiper dressed in a traditional Scottish kilt and chanted "Power to the people."

Scottish police at first called off the march because they said public safety could not be guaranteed after a smaller band of 100 protesters smashed car windows, threw rocks and attempted to block one of the main roads leading to the resort. However, the police relented and allowed the march to continue after organizers complained that their free speech rights were being denied.

Later in the day, riot police clashed with

"We want to make sure that the governments invest in their people, invest in the health of their people, the education of their people, and fight corruption."

GEORGE W. BUSH

demonstrators at one of the security fences installed along the route to the luxury resort. Dozens of protesters scaled the fence before being detained by police.

Leaders' aides, meanwhile, met behind closed doors on the two issues Blair has made the main focus of this year's meeting — support for Africa, the globe's poorest continent, and increasing efforts to deal with the pollution that scientists believe is linked to planet warming.

Blair challenged G-8 countries — which also include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia — to double aid to Africa from a current total of \$25 billion to \$50 billion by 2010. Blair also wants the member nations to increase giving for all foreign aid to the equivalent of 0.7 percent of national incomes by 2015.

Bush, after initially resisting Blair's call, announced last Thursday that he would seek to double U.S. aid by 2010, to \$8.6 billion from \$4.3 billion in 2004. But Bush opposes the 0.7 percent target. Anti-poverty activists said that Bush's goal of \$8.6 billion fell about \$6 billion short of what was needed from the United States to meet Blair's \$50 billion target.

As a consequence, the final communique was expected to drop any reference to a \$50 billion goal in favor of talk more generally of a "doubling" of assistance, which would represent a disappointment to anti-poverty activists. Blair emphasized that the final communique was still being worked on.

Bush, stopping in Denmark on the way to Scotland, warned he would emphasize the need for African nations to commit to good governance to get increased support.

"I don't know how we can look our taxpayers in the eye and say, this is a good deal to give money to countries that are corrupt," he said. "We want to make sure that the governments invest in their people, invest in the health of their people, the education of their people, and fight corrup-

tion."

The differences were even starker on global warming. Blair wanted a plan to curb emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. But U.S. officials lobbied to prevent the inclusion in the G-8 communique of any specific reduction targets as called for in the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The United States is the only G-8 country that has refused to ratify the Kyoto treaty, with Bush saying that doing so would have "wrecked" the U.S. economy.

Sir Michael Jay, Blair's representative in the discussions, called the negotiations on global warming "pretty intense." He predicted the G-8 would reach an accord that recognized the problem and the need to combat it without mentioning specific targets.

Bush said in Denmark that "the surface of the Earth is warmer and that an increase in greenhouse gases caused by humans is contributing to the problem."

However, he made plain that mandatory targets are off the table. He referred repeatedly to the Kyoto treaty in the past tense, even though it took effect in February, and said the goal for his plan is to control greenhouse gases merely "as best as possible."

Bush said he "can't wait" to talk with summit colleagues about the United States' alternative proposed approach, which stresses spreading clean-energy technologies to both developed and developing nations.

"I think there's a better way forward," Bush said. "I would call it the post-Kyoto era, where we can work together to share technologies."

Blair was expected to try to salvage the climate change issue by shifting debate away from disagreements with the United States and toward gaining support for emission controls in China. The country's surging economy has made it the world's second biggest producer of greenhouse gases after the United States.

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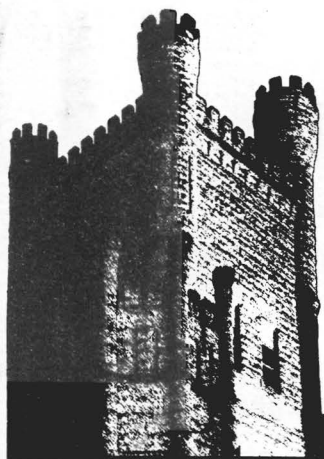
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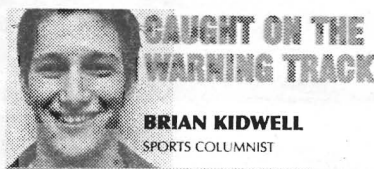
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Schutte already balking

I once saw an Army ROTC ad which challenged its young readers to think about what experiences in their lives would set them apart on a resume from hundreds of other faceless names possessing the same credentials. The implication of the ad was that it only takes one experience, one achievement to place you a notch above the competition.

And competition is the name of the game for the three individuals interviewing for the softball head coaching job. The only problem so far for Kim Schuette, the first to be interviewed, is that her distinction puts her at a disadvantage.

Schuette was recruited and played her freshman year of college at Eastern under coach Stephanie Fox. When Lloydene Searle succeeded Fox, Schuette transferred to Indiana State University. When asked for a comment on the move, Schuette told the Charleston Times-Courier that "some things changed. I was able to go to another program. It worked out for the best."

Paging Bill O'Reilly; is that spin, I detect? If only Bill Clinton could have pacified Ken Starr with a simple "Some things changed." Or, better yet, imagine if an accused Mark McGwire, instead of weeping, had silenced the congressional panel on steroid abuse this spring with a bold and defiant "Some things changed."

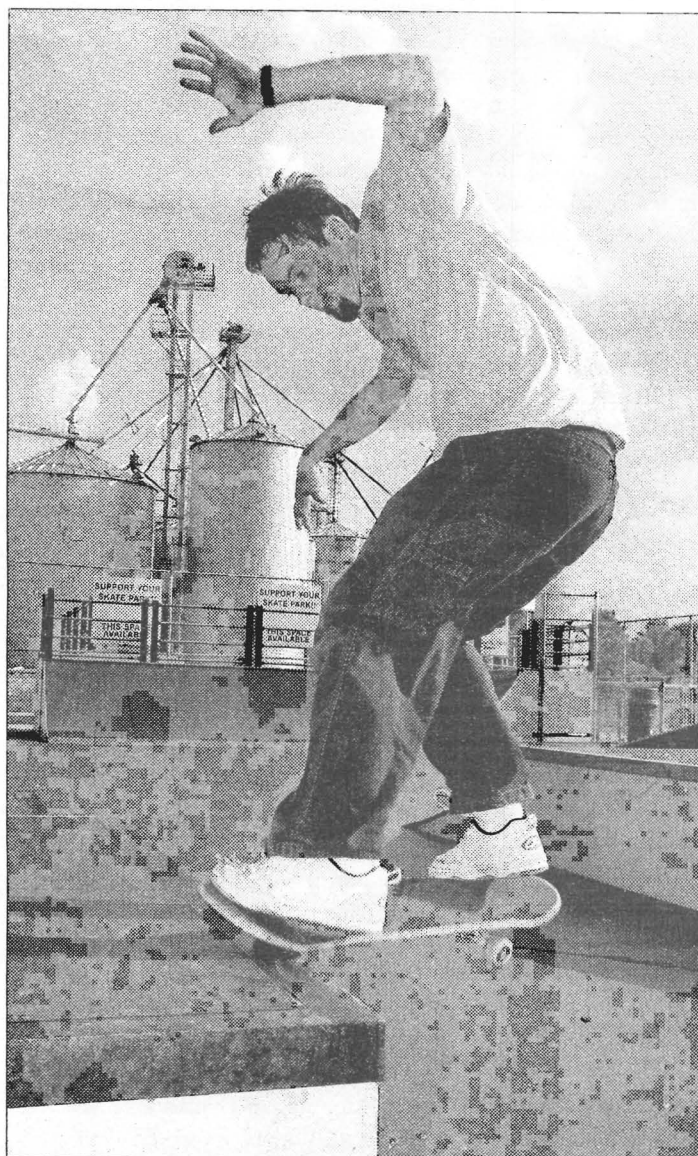
If only an answer like this worked.

This shirk of an answer would not work for Clinton or McGwire in their past debacles, and it will not work for Schuette in her attempt to be named as the next Eastern softball coach.

Schuette needs to be more specific as to what "things" exactly changed for the worse, which caused her to transfer to Indiana State. Was it a quarrel among the team, a conflict with coach Searle or simply an opportunity to play for a better program? Is it something that could happen again?

Kim Schuette's fate should not hang in the balance of what happened in her college career, but it is an open-ended question that should be remembered when making the final decision of naming a coach. The ball is in Schuette's court now; how highly or lowly the administration views her history at Eastern all depends on her willingness to open up and publicly explain exactly what she means by "some things changed."

GET CENTRIPETAL



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Loyd of Charleston grinds a ledge at the skate park on Vine Avenue in Charleston Wednesday.

Search for softball coach continues

By DAVID THILL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eastern's search for a new head softball coach has now gone from a three-candidate race to two.

On June 29, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie announced the search had whittled down to three candidates. However, one of the candidates, Tennessee-Martin University's Donley Canary withdrew himself from the search yesterday for reasons currently unknown.

The remaining two coaches in contention for the position are Kim Schuette of Quincy University in Quincy and Stacy Gemeinhardt of Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

While the decision is still yet to be made, McDuffie said he thinks either candidate would "represent good opportunities" for Eastern's softball program.

"We want to move up in the standings," McDuffie said. "Last season we hovered at the bottom (of the standings), not at the top."

Although McDuffie said adapting to a new coach might be the main area of concern for the team, most of the players are excited about the new opportunity.

And while fans may not see an immediate jump up in the standings, the team should make progress fairly quickly, McDuffie said.

Kim Schuette visited Eastern's campus Tuesday for the first of the now two remaining interviews. She recently finished her first year at the helm at

Quincy University. She was a member of Eastern's softball team from 1997 to 1999 before transferring to Indiana State University.

Stacy Gemeinhardt is coming off of her fourth season as head coach at Emporia State University.

She has twice been named Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association "Coach of the Year" and this past season led the team to a 54-13 record.

Kent Weiser, athletic director at Emporia State University, said he thinks that Gemeinhardt would find instant success at Eastern or anywhere, for that matter.

"She has done a terrific job," Weiser said. "She brings out the best in people."

"She doesn't make excuses, she'll be successful with what she's got."

That ability to work with what she has got may help since the late start to the search for a new coach, either of the two candidates will not have much, if any, time to recruit players for this upcoming season, McDuffie said.

But how is Gemeinhardt at relating to players?

"She's a very accomplished teacher of the game," Weiser said. "Players love her; she is a very calm and collected person."

Weiser said he is confident that Gemeinhardt would have success no matter where she may end up.

"She'll be great," he said.

Neither Gemeinhardt nor Kim Schuette could be reached for comment.

Normal native wins Broderick Cup as top collegiate athlete

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Ogonna Nnamani grew up in the Illinois community of Normal. Her athletic career turned out to be anything but.

Nnamani played on the U.S. Olympic women's volleyball team in Athens last summer, led the Stanford Cardinal to a national title in December, and took home the Broderick Cup as the nation's collegiate woman athlete of the year on Wednesday.

Normal doesn't really sum up her achievements.

"The award isn't representative of my efforts," Nnamani said. "It's more representative of the people around me who supported me

throughout the years. Luckily, I've been at the right place at the right time."

An outside hitter on the Cardinal, Nnamani was voted the most outstanding player at volleyball's Final Four after setting a Pac-10 record with 823 kills during the season — not that she kept track.

"All I know is our team won in the end," she said.

Nnamani gave credit to just about everyone but herself during a witty acceptance speech. She thanked her friends, family, and especially the award's board of directors.

"I'll send you a check in the mail tomorrow," she joked.

Nnamani was a basketball star but switched sports during her freshman year in high school after her coach

suggested she try out for the U.S. junior team — to the chagrin of her parents.

"It took us a while to move to volleyball," her mother, Uzo Nnamani, said. "She can dunk. All four children can dunk."

Nnamani was up against four other award finalists, including LSU basketball standout Seimone Augustus, Texas pitcher Cat Osterman, Auburn swimmer Kirsty Coventry and UCLA track star Monique Henderson, who won a gold medal on the U.S. 1,600 relay team in Athens.

But Nnamani was the only player to lead her team to a national championship. Throw in her 3.44 GPA in human biology, and that cinched it.

Nnamani is the third volleyball

player to take home the top honor in women's collegiate sports. Deitre Collins from the University of Hawaii won in 1983, and Long Beach State standout and current beach volleyball champion Misty May was chosen in 1999.

May, who won her second straight world championship on Saturday, was excited to hear about Nnamani's award.

While Nnamani intends to keep her game indoors and play in Europe next year while preparing for the 2008 Beijing Games, May said there's plenty of room on the beach if she ever wanted to give up sweaty gyms for sunshine and sand.

"I like the Chicago Bandits," Lewallen said. "It's close to home, so my family could come and watch."