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Drug Task Force funds face cuts

■ Law enforcement officials fear loss for counteracting drug related crimes

BY ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

The proposed federal budget has many local law enforcement agencies concerned about the future of covert drug operations.

The budget calls for massive cuts to the Byrne Formula Grant, said Commander Mark Peyton, head of the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force.

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At current levels, the grant provides ECIDTF with \$133,903 annually.

The proposed budget calls for this to be cut by 6 to 8 percent this October, up to 50 percent by October 2007, and completely eliminated by October 2008.

These cuts will have a major impact on the operations of the ECIDTF and equivalent organizations throughout the country.

"Without the funding from the federal government we are going to have a hard time operating at the levels we currently operate at," Peyton said.

The current levels of funding allow the force to employ three personnel and purchase supplies necessary for the work of the task force, including unmarked vehicles and surveillance equipment, said Douglas County Sheriff Charlie McGrew.

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Campus Assistant Kristen Devito, a senior communications major, and Sabrina Norrick, a sophomore elementary education major, fold towels and linens in the basement of Stevenson Hall Wednesday afternoon. Campus assistants worked around the clock in order to wash, dry and fold all of the at least 2,000 sets of linens used this past weekend for the IHSA boy's state track meet.

STUDENTS AT WORK

■ Summer spent planning, running conferences

BY KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

On Sunday nights, when everyone on campus is sleeping in their beds awaiting the trials of the next day, a group of student workers are up washing other people's laundry. They are the workers behind all the camps and meets that come through Eastern. They do the jobs of at least four other positions of a normal semester, yet, they are the least known.

Conference Assistants are a vital part of the core that keeps Eastern running through the

summer but are the least acknowledged.

What is a CA? A CA is a student worker for the summer whose job combines that of a resident assistant, desk assistant, night assistant, dining service worker and washing linen. They monitor the dorms people stay in for summer camps or sport meets, give out information, do check-ins, monitor security for the night while everyone sleeps, swipe meal cards and they clean the linen that the university provides for the people who stay at Eastern during the summer.

However, not many people have ever heard of a CA. The job is overlooked so many times, mainly because around the same time CA jobs are taking applications and interviewing, so are the RA jobs, said Matt Boyer, Conference Coordinator.

"We do hiring and applications at the beginning of the spring semester and have

everything completed by spring break," said Boyer. "So students are not really thinking about the summer and are more focused on spring break. We want to commit to these people before spring break when most students start looking for summer jobs."

Typically, out of around 80 students that apply for a CA job only about 25 get hired. This year, out of 28 CAs hired, six are male. Either there are not many guys interested in doing all the jobs required by a CA or just females outnumber male applicants, said senior CA Heather Cooper, a senior foreign language major.

Eastern's campus usually holds about 12,000 people throughout the summer. Many of them are high school students here for summer camp or the boy's and girl's track meets.

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Constitution course requirement eliminated

■ History, political science faculty differ in opinions of university's new revision

BY KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY REPORTER

After much debate, the Council for Academic Affairs decided to eliminate the Constitution requirement and the requirement to take either History 3600 and Political Science 1153.

For incoming students who will follow the Fall 2006 catalog, the requirements for History 3600, the U.S. Constitution and the Nation, as well as Political Science 1153, American Government and Constitution, no longer exist.

It was just one part of the revisions being made on the general education requirements, said Debra Reid, associate professor of history and chair of the Council for Academic Affairs.

This final decision was reached after debating that start-

ed last spring.

Many of the history professors were against taking the classes out of the core requirements while many political sciences professors were for the removal, Reid said.

The passion for History 3600 was a supporting factor for why the history department wanted to keep the constitution requirement.

"(It's) one of the most important classes," Reid said. "We were as aggressive in defending this course as we could be."

The class is important because it gives students the historic context of our government, she said.

History 3600 also challenges professors, which is something Reid likes about the class.

"It's not an easy course by any means but the faculty are challenged by putting it together," she said.

Student course evaluations and comments from History 3600 were used to persuade faculty and staff to keep the requirement.

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DEBRA REID,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY/CHAIR
OF THE COUNCIL FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

On the other side, some faculty and staff thought that eliminating the requirement of the two classes would allow more freedom within the departments.

Many faculty members within the political science department were tied down to teaching American government, said Richard Wandling, department chair of political science.

Now, the department can be open to bringing in new classes that it could not in the past, which will eventually give students more course choices.

"There's the opportunity to consider it," Wandling said. "The department will have more flexibility to respond to demands for other classes."

Although Wandling supported the removal of the constitution requirement, he still supports the class.

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The good The bad

By SETH MILLER
STAFF REPORTER

The summer movie season has begun. Another season of remakes and sequels that could hardly entertain anyone with a functioning brain. This season has taken a change for the better with films like *Mission Impossible: III* giving the audience more character with the action; the release of *X-Men III* last week continues this trend.

The third film begins with the X-Men dealing with the fallout of a recently developed cure for their mutant abilities and the apparent resurrection of Jean Grey played by Famke Janssen.

I feel the first two films may have just as well been called *Wolverine* because he seemed to be the only character that mattered. The third one, I believed, did a much better job of showing that it was called X-Men. Halle Berry as Storm does an admirable job of portraying her as a natural leader and a mutant to be feared.

Many characters that were overlooked in the first two films finally get a chance to expand their characters. Rogue, played by Anna Paquin, is used as a microcosm about how the mutant community is dealing with the bombshell that is the cure. Is it better to remain unique but hated or conform to what society can handle?

The problem most critics have with the movie is that too much information is on the screen. In reality, all the film centers around is the cure and how the mutants have to deal with it.

The third film also delivers the action from the comic books that the first two films lacked considerably. The climatic battle between Magneto's army and the X-Men is the kind of fight a comic book fan dreams of seeing in a movie.

The biggest drawback for this movie is mutant overload. You have the standard mutants from the films like *Wolverine* and *Magneto*; and mutants new to the film series like *Beast*, *Juggernaut*, *Angel*, and *Colossus* being crammed into a movie that is only an hour and 44 minutes long. That is way too many mutants to introduce in that amount of time. But the movie resolves this in a way by killing off or curing more main characters than I could have thought possible. The deaths come as a good surprise to keep the audience on their feet and show that anyone could die in this film and nobody is safe from the grim reaper or the cure.

Despite the small problems that exist, I feel the film is well written, has solid performances from the actors and features some of the best action from a summer movie so far.

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Magneto was right. There is a war coming. I'm going to call it "the war on disappointment." You probably know it better as *X-Men: The Last Stand*.

I personally think that "The Last Stand" was a good movie. The special effects were impressive and the story was well written. However, I have quite a few problems with the film and will argue that it is a far cry from the best movie of the summer.

First off, let's talk about the acting. Sure, most of the cast including Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen returned for another stellar performance. But there was one character that I feel earned more screen time than her actress deserved.

After winning an Academy Award for her role in *Monster's Ball*, Halle Berry threat-

ened to walk away from the X-Men series if her character, Storm, did not get more screen time. Perhaps she should have walked away.

When watching *The Last Stand*, a viewer cannot go three minutes without being forced to watch Berry's poor attempt at acting. Neither Berry nor her character, Storm, deserves this kind of attention during the film's mere 104 minutes.

As an avid "24" fan I am no stranger to main characters being killed or removed from the main storylines, but *The Last Stand* took this dramatic effect to a completely unnecessary level. From the death of a primary character in the first 30 minutes to the unnecessary death of another at the ending, most of the deaths in the film could have been done without.

It was more the ending death that bothered me. The other deaths were at least appropriately written into the story line, but there was one big question that I wondered at the end. Why did the character have to die when there were other obvious solutions? I don't want to give away the ending, but if you see the movie and have any semblance of a brain, you will realize what I mean.

Quite possibly the biggest disappointment with *The Last Stand* was the final showdown between two rival characters, Iceman and Pyro. When Magneto gives Pyro permission to go after Iceman, I was on the edge of my seat waiting to see what developed. However, instead of being an awesome fight sequence, it looked more like something out of a *Harry Potter* movie.

Overall, *The Last Stand* was a disappointment in my opinion.

It had potential to be so great, but unfortunately things got screwed up somewhere along the line.

Deciphering 'The DaVinci Code'

By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

The DaVinci Code has been the most anticipated movie of the summer. With the book selling over 40 million copies worldwide, the movie was a shoe in for instant blockbuster success.

Fans of the book might be slightly disappointed at director Ron Howard's mediocre adaptation. Although the movie hits all the main elements of the book, Howard's movie seems a little too choppy for all the information.

He completely rushes through the beginning, one of the best parts of the book. He completely fabricates some of the issues from main character Sophie Neveu's (Audrey Tautou) past and he added new villains to the

movie, particularly within the Catholic order of Opus Dei.

However, the movie did get some things right from the book, like the entire part surrounding the notorious character Sir Leigh Teabing (Sir Ian McKellen). Teabing, for the majority, saved that movie from utter ruin. The acting and development of the character is right on the money from the book's character. He is not only funny, but also smart and ever so slightly diabolical. Fans of the book will not be disappointed with Teabing.

Also, the choice of Tom Hanks playing intellectual badass Robert Langdon was definitely a poor one.

First timers will definitely like it. It is a good story adaptation solely by itself. However, it is only when you compare it to the book the story tends to get sticky.

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Background behind Eastern's buildings

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Of the 48 buildings at Eastern, 31 are named after someone. Did you ever stop and ask yourself about the names that don the buildings or the history behind them?

From the Old Main-Livingston C. Lord Administration Building, the Mary Josephine Booth Library, or Robert G. Buzzard Hall, many buildings on campus go beyond just the brick and mortar.

"Most of the buildings on campus are named after people that have made a positive contribution to the university," said Louis Hencken, president of Eastern.

Old Main—Livingston C. Lord Administration Building

The oldest building at the university, Old Main was formally dedicated August 29, 1899, and classes first began September 12 of that year as the building housed classrooms, a library, an auditorium, administrative facilities, a museum and offices.

Livingston C. Lord was Eastern's second president, after Samuel M. Inglis and in his time as president, saw a lot of firsts come to campus: the first graduating class of 1900 (three men and one woman); the first homecoming in 1915; and in 1928, established the first school fraternity: Delta Lambda Sigma, which later became Phi Sigma Epsilon.

While some things may have changed since Lord's time, others have remained constant. For example, the school's nickname, 'The Panthers' was established in 1930 and one of his last quotes, "Tell the truth and don't be afraid" is somewhere on the paper you're reading.

Mary Josephine Booth Library

At the turn of the 20th century, while Eastern was still in its infancy, its library was made up of two rooms in an area of 2,170 square feet. At the time, the 2,500-volume library was sufficient for its patrons. At the time.

Today, Booth Library houses around 1,500,000 volumes on four levels. Much of what we have available now is owed to Mary Josephine Booth.

Booth was head librarian from 1904 to 1945 and as Eastern started to expand, she made an effort to build a separate library building. By the 1940s, Eastern was granted funds to erect it and on February 2, 1948, Booth broke ground on the building; it was later named in her honor, and was dedicated May 27, 1950.

Robert G. Buzzard Hall

Robert Guy Buzzard was Eastern's third president, who saw everything from conference championships in football, basketball, and baseball to making a push for general education in the late '40s, which is probably one of the reasons Buzzard contains the Dept.



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of Education.

Also in his time, the Health Education Building was dedicated and renamed Lantz Gym in honor of first Athletic Director and math instructor Coach Charles Lantz, which was then renamed to our McAfee Gym after Florence McAfee, head of the women's physical education program (1935-1962). The Lincoln-Douglas Halls were completed as well, named after Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.

Blair/Pemberton Halls

Constructed in 1913, Blair Hall is the third oldest building on campus, but has also been renovated and rededicated following the fire that damaged its roof on April 28, 2004. Francis G. Blair was the first supervisor of Eastern's training department.

Completed in 1909, Pemberton Hall is the

second oldest building on campus and the oldest women's residence hall in Illinois. It was named after State Senator Stanton C. Pemberton, who helped get the appropriation approved.

At the time it was built, girls weren't allowed out of the dorm after 7:30 p.m. and lights had to be out after the 'riot' hours from 10-10:30 p.m.

The History isn't limited

There are many more buildings on campus that have history behind them, but to describe them all would take a lot more words than can fit into a single story.

"I've said many, many times before in my speeches that we have nice buildings here, but the difference between Eastern and other universities are the dedicated people that work here," commented Hencken.

Newly elected Faculty Senate looks to future

By NORA MABERRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In March Eastern's faculty held elections, electing 29 faculty members to serve on faculty senate and the various committees and councils around campus. Two hundred seventy-two faculty members voted in the election, resulting in a 65 percent turn out.

In 2005, 187 faculty members voted, resulting in a 41.55 percent turn out.

John Pommier from the department of Recreation Administration was reelected to faculty senate with 168 votes. Pommier had previously served on faculty senate for nine semesters.

Due to serving on faculty senate for nine semesters, Pommier knows what is required to serve on the senate.

"I would like to contribute to serve the university by addressing topics after being fully informed," said Pommier.

"If one is sincere in serving the university and puts forth effort, colleagues will be very supportive."

JOHN POMMIER, FACULTY SENATE MEMBER

Jeanne Snyder from the school of Family and Consumer Sciences was also elected to the faculty senate.

Snyder believes that the university should work on communication to prospective students why Eastern is a top Midwest public school.

"Other issues that should be addressed include service learning, student and faculty research, assessment and faculty impact on issues affecting the university," said Snyder.

"Besides the scheduled meeting time of Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. every week, many senators serve on various

committees and are involved in gathering information between scheduled meeting times," said Pommier.

Due to the amount of time, faculty senate members must devote to researching issues and attending meetings one would expect newly elected members to have some apprehension about their new jobs, but this is not the case.

"I do not have any apprehension in taking this position," said Pommier. "If one is sincere in serving the university and puts forth effort, colleagues will be very supportive." "I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and playing a role in the decision making process," said Snyder.

Bud Fischer, John Stimac and Bill Joyce were also elected to faculty senate. New senators will take their positions at the first meeting of Faculty Senate in the fall.

Additional Election Results

Council on Academic Affairs Jean Dilworth Les Hyder Julie Dietz	Council on Faculty Research Richard Wilkinson Linda Ghent Stacey Knight-Davis
Council on Graduate Studies Thomas Nelson Ping Liu	University Personnel Committee David Kammerling Smith Alan Grant Phyllis Croissant Hank Davis Charles W. Wootton
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EDITORIAL

Cuts hurt law enforcement in Coles County

East Central Illinois Drug Task Force to lose major source of funding by 2008

The proposed federal budget will result in massive cuts to the Byrne Formula Grant that funds the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force.

This is unacceptable and the citizens of Illinois should write to Congress and tell them so.

The ECIDTF is the principal drug unit for Coles, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties.

The force handles all drug related crimes from methamphetamine labs to drug dealers.

At current levels, the grant provides ECIDTF with \$133,903 annually. In 1984, when the task force was founded, they had a budget of \$280,000. In 22 years, the task force has lost over half of its funding.

If the government has its way, the task force could lose all of its funding.

The proposed budget calls for this to be cut by 6-8 percent this October, up to 50% by October 2007, and completely eliminated by October 2008. While the cuts will not force the ECIDTF to close completely, it will mean that the way task force operates will change.

The grant provides the funding for eight people to work covertly in Douglas County with unmarked cars, and surveillance equipment. It would be nearly impossible for the ECIDTF to operate without these supplies. If the Byrne Formula Grant is cut, the task force may have to operate without these supplies. This means the task force will not be able to do all the drug sweeps that they currently do and will not have the latest equipment needed to make sure methamphetamine labs are being shut down in Coles County.

As of three weeks ago, Coles County ranked as the number two county in the nation for reported meth labs. Law enforcement officials say that this is because meth labs are being reported and arrests are being made. If the Byrne Formula Grant is cut the reported meth labs will not be as easy to survey and raid and fewer arrests will be made.

In April, the ECIDTF conducted a sweep arresting 15 people on drug charges ranging from delivery of marijuana to manufacture of methamphetamine. With funding cuts, these sweeps will not be possible and the community will be less safe because of it.

Not only do methamphetamine busts keep the citizens of Coles County safe, but it also sends a message to methamphetamine makers that their behavior will not be tolerated. Cutting funding to the Byrne Formula Grant sends the message that drug enforcement is not a priority in Illinois.

In 2004, there were 1,069 meth lab seizures in the state. Drug enforcement should obviously be a priority in Illinois.

The citizens of Coles County should let their congressmen know that this budget cut is unacceptable and dangerous to the state.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY STEPHEN LARRICK



COMMENTARY

Silence is just another word for compliance

It is always amazing how frequently the adage "the personal is political" seems to be proven true time and time again.

I was recently offered a summer job position. When I informed my mother, her excitement was quickly followed by caution: "When I get home we are going to have to have a long talk Maurice, about what you can and can not do. You have to learn to keep your private life private."

My mother was concerned with that the type of person I am would have an adverse affect on my employment opportunities. These fears range from my weight, to my status as an out gay male, my feminist ideals, my being African-American, anti-Bush, and as a person who grows more disillusioned with capitalism and more seduced by socialism with each passing day.

Now obviously I can not hide being fat or black, but I could, according to my mother, hide the other factors that could potentially threaten my chances of being hired. They would fall conveniently under the umbrella of privacy.

She says this is nothing more than what she does everyday. She does concede that she talks about my brothers, husband, and me, but everything she keeps to herself. This does nothing more than prove that the personal is political. Heterosexual family life is permissible to speak of and no one feels uncomfortable, but the idea of a homosexual with a voice is threatening.

My mother does not speak about her



MAURICE TRACY
GUEST COLUMNIST

"There is really no such thing as privacy that is really silence and compliance; there is only the political and the public."

political stance on Bush because it runs counter to the opinions of the majority of the office. She cannot bring up issues relating to womanhood because of the male-dominated atmosphere of her office. Essentially my mother, like so many others, is losing her voice and space. There is no room for her subjectivity, but instead of labeling this as heteronormative-patriarchal-conservative-racist bullying and censorship of the minority individual, my mother labels it as her being private.

I began by saying that it amazes me how often the idea the "personal is political" is proven to be true. That is something I wish to correct.

It does not amaze me that it is true. What amazes me is how others do not see it. It amazes me how an intelligent woman

like my mother does not publicly call what happens to her discrimination. It is not enough to acknowledge it as discrimination behind closed doors and in the comfort of the "private" space of home.

It amazes me that she would ask me to go along with her and millions of others, and simply comply with the status-quo and label what makes others uncomfortable as personal and therefore private.

It also amazes me that young intelligent women like an acquaintance of mine, Jill, have abandoned this originally feminist battle cry (indeed abandoned feminism entirely and instead wholeheartedly embrace patriarchy), and instead question why I or anyone else would believe in this idea.

It saddens me that other minorities do not adhere to this battle cry. I never asked anyone to look past anything about me. It is not just personal beliefs. There is really no such thing as privacy. For that is really silence and compliance; there is only the political and the public.

I was born in a public hospital. I went to public school. I attend a public university. I walk in public and eat in public. When I love it will publicly. When I hate it is openly and publicly. I live openly and publicly. I will die publicly. My life is public as is all of yours. The personal is still political.

Got comments?

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YOUR TURN: LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIAL DISTORTED FACTS

After reading the recent editorial "Proposed Amendment Encourages Prejudice" and column "Here's Bush's Latest" I must admit that a disturbing trend is emerging. It appears that if one disagrees with the political policies of this administration they revert to name calling and semantics.

First, the editorial claims that the American public does not feel strongly about a constitutional amendment banning same sex unions. This is not the case. A Feb. 2, 2006 *USA Today* poll shows that 61 percent of Americans believe that government should deal with the issue of same sex marriages. A March

20, 2006 Gallup poll finds that only 20 percent of Americans support the idea of same sex marriages. Somehow 20 percent has become a majority?

Even worse than the blatant abuse of facts in liberal editorials is the trend among liberals to simply conclude that people with differing opinions are bigots. Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines bigot as "a person obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices."

Since when does accepting democracy, freedom, and the rule of law equate bigotry? It seems to me that there are a lot of bigots posing as advocates for tolerance and freedom in this country.

Or is it the case that some liberals don't like the Bush administration and take

every chance they can to attack the administration. Well, there is nothing wrong with debate, as long as it is intelligent and grounded in some fact. It is no wonder that the Democratic party has lost control of government in America. Instead of talking about issues there is a propensity to call opposition leaders names. History is full of similar examples. The Nazis used to single out opposition groups with verbal attacks focusing on strong semantics and imagery in order to rally the support of those not educated about an issue. What great company to be in when advocating for tolerance and freedom.

MIKE WURI
POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT

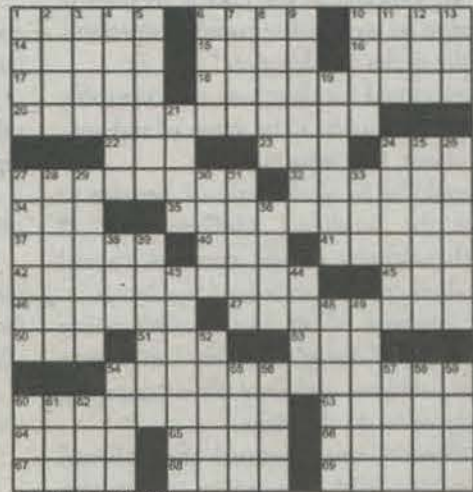
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"If the task force loses funding, we absolutely could not do the enforcement and investigation in [Douglas] County," McGrew said. "We really do not have the resources or manpower to have an effective drug unit."

McGrew said that the task force allows for the ability to have eight officers working covertly in the county with unmarked cars and the proper equipment.

According to Peyton, the task force will see changes in its operations if the budget cuts go through, but that the task force will not close.

A 10 percent cut this year would not affect the arrests people see on the streets, Peyton said. However, it would affect the types of cases that the task force worked.

If the funding were cut more than that, the contracted employees would be released from their positions. At this point, the public would begin to notice a

difference, Peyton said.

"Their positions would have to be back-filled with people who should be working the streets," he said.

Both McGrew and Peyton agree that eliminating the funding for the task force is not the appropriate action to take.

"The people the drug task force are arresting are still going to be out there," said McGrew. "The situation is not going away."

"I think this is a mistake to cut funding in an area like this," Peyton said.

With law enforcement officials fighting the war on drugs, this funding cut will hinder that progress.

Peyton also addressed the issue of levels of methamphetamine in Coles County. As of three weeks ago, Coles County ranked as the number two county in the nation for reported meth labs.

According to Peyton, meth poses a very dangerous threat to the public because it affects more than just the user.

"The problem is that meth not only affects the users but also the children," Peyton said. "They are exposed to the chemicals used in production as well as the parents experiencing all the cycles of addiction."

The proposed funding cuts are something for the general public to be aware of and concerned about, McGrew said.

"It would be to all the citizens' benefits to reinstate the funding," McGrew said. "I think the citizens of the counties should express their concern to federal legislators."

The directors of all participating police departments are doing what they can to help with the problem, and they are encouraging local citizens to do the same.

The Byrne Grant is named after Edward Byrne, a New York City police officer who was killed in the line of duty while working a drug case. Byrne was 22 at the time. The Byrne grant currently supports 40 Illinois communities by providing a total of \$12.9 million.

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"The (political science) department is fully committed to teaching American government," he said.

Besides more opportunities for departments, others feel that the constitution requirement is repetitive of high school.

All high school students in Illinois are required to pass a U.S. Constitution test.

"This is something (students) have to do twice," said Shelley French, associate professor for foreign language and vice chair for academic affairs.

After hearing both sides of the issue, French voted for the removal of the requirement.

"I don't think it's a bad idea," she said.

Although the constitution requirement has been removed, both History 3600 and Political Science 1153 will continue to be taught.

However, there might be a smaller enrollment for the two classes.

The sections might decrease by one, Reid said.

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So many CA's are also asked to be recruiters for Eastern, said Michelle Hopper, guest services coordinator.

Many Eastern students have come here before during the summer while still in high school, said Hopper. They come with their summer camp and end up falling in love with the campus. As CA's, part of their job is to help get students to want to come back to Eastern.

A typical work month for a CA usually consists of a minimum of 80 hours, said Doug Howell, assistant conference coordinator. Most CA's will get between 90 to 100 hours considering there is a university maximum of 120 hours. However, during the boy's and girl's track meets, a CA will work anywhere from 28 to 38 hours in four days.

Track meets are the busiest time of the summer for the entire

Conference Service department. Most people, including CA's, will work between 10 to 15 hours a day. CA's are no strangers to sleepless nights. They are on call and have been known to have shifts that end at 1 a.m. and pick up again at 7 a.m. Boyer admits to it being somewhat overwhelming.

"The number of hours is overwhelming but it is also exciting," said Boyer. "It's one of the first things we are able to do during the summer."

CA's start training for the summer the Tuesday after spring semester classes end, train for three days before each track meet and then leave for the summer after the last camp leaves right after the first weekend in August. It is literally a full summer job.

Being a CA sounds like a lot of work. They work intensely all summer in a thankless job and no one even bothers to acknowledge them.

So why do many CA's end up coming back? Most say it is because the staff they work with is so great it becomes almost like a second family.

Cooper, a second year CA, said she originally applied for the CA position because she did not want to go home for the summer.

"I had a great time last summer," said Cooper. "We had a good staff and I really like the building. I had such a good time last summer I figured another summer would be just as good."

Because of the intense work hours, a lot of CA's spend a lot of time together. So much that some end up becoming friends and hanging out together on their down time.

"The CA's did a lot of stuff together," said Cooper. "Five people on staff turned 21 last year; you can imagine what we did. We became friends during the summer and still

kept in touch during the school year."

Stacey Dorko, senior elementary education major, is in her third year of being a CA. Dorko said the thing that keeps her coming back as a CA is the groups that come in year after year.

"It's always fun when groups come back and the chaperone remembers you and remembers what you did the previous year," said Dorko. "Even when the campers come back and remember what you did last summer means I did something right then. Having them remember you is a good feeling inside."

Both Cooper and Dorko agree that the desk is their favorite position because it is like an information station so you get to actually talk and communicate with the people staying at Eastern. They also agreed that their least favorite job is security, the equivalent to a night assistant

job. They both said it is hard to keep awake from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. all by themselves.

What many people do not know is that only half the CA's during a normal summer staff will take summer school classes, and only then in the six or eight week session. However, it does not that overwhelming said Dorko.

"It's not that big a hassle as long as you have good time-management skills," said Dorko. "The staff is pretty good at making sure you are not scheduled during your class."

As for some last piece of advice for her fellow first time CA's, Cooper had some words of encouragement.

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A TRIP TO BLUE HEAVEN

BY NORA MABERRY

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Thousands of athletes from 582 schools came to O'Brien Stadium May 26 and 27 to compete in the IHSA Boys State Track Meet.

The Cahokia Comanches won their first Class AA state team title with a record 94 1/3 points.

"This is really what we wanted," said Ernie Winters from Cahokia.

"We practiced all year round and we wanted to win after taking third last year."

Winters won the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.18 seconds, and was apart of the 4x200 relay team that captured gold as well as the 4x100 relay team that set one of five state records on Saturday with a time of 41.42 seconds.

Winters downplayed his accomplishments at the track meet, saying he viewed it as a stepping-stone to his future.

"I just want to go to the Olympics some day," Winters said.

David Voss from Elmhurst was not focused on his future; he was focused on being apart of the legacy of the track meet.

"The best part is just coming here and running on one of the fastest tracks in the country," Voss said. "And being apart of one of the oldest traditions in the United States. It's fun to be part of a legacy."

Voss came in third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.22 seconds and second in the 300-meter hurdles.

"When the gun goes off, it's like someone just releases you," Voss said.

Donnie Lesnick from Minooka agreed with Voss.

"When the gun goes off you're sitting there waiting," said Lesnick. "You hope you don't go before it and you hope you're not the last one out."

Lesnick accomplished something no one from his school had ever done by reaching state.

"I was the first sprinter in the school to ever go to state and place in-state," said Lesnick.

"It's a great accomplishment."

Lesnick placed sixth in the 100-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Most of the athletes agreed that just reaching state was a huge honor.

"It's really something else," said Jason Norem from Ottawa. "I've never run anything quite like this."

"Everyone is just the cream of the crop," said Norem.

Norem placed third in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash.

"Before the race you have nerves, you feel a little weak and the gun sends a little shock through you to get you moving," Norem said. "You're just waiting for the gun to go off."

The track meet was about more than the competition, for some it was about camaraderie and for others it was about their future.

Blaise Carie from Mt. Zion placed fourth in the 1600-meter race.

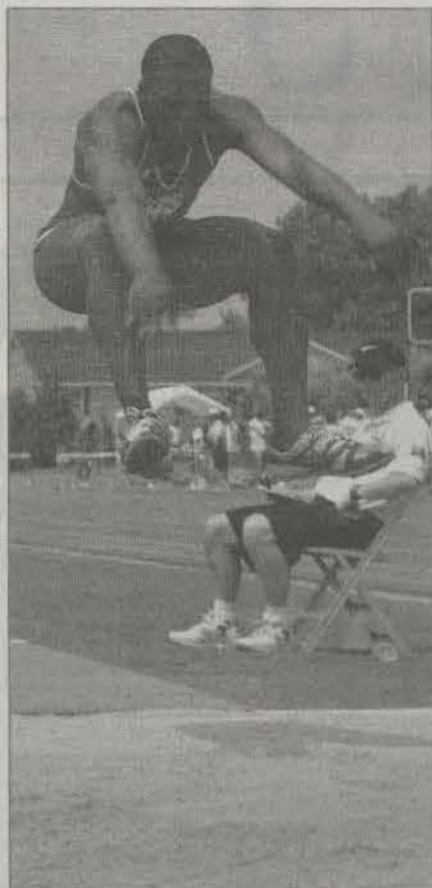
"I love meeting all the guys," Carie said. "That's what boy's state is all about, the friendship."

Daryl Jenkins from Tinley Park High School placed fourth in the 100-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash.

"I did okay place wise," Jenkins said. "But time wise it wasn't what I wanted."

What Jenkins did want was statewide exposure.

"I was the underdog, but now people know me," Jenkins said. "And hopefully in college I will improve."



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Junior Jeremy Totsch from Coop High School in Liberty takes a leap during the IHSA State long jump event.



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Sophomore Darryl Phelps from Cahokia High School throws the shot in a preliminary flight on Friday at O'Brien Stadium during competition for the IHSA state track and field meet.



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Junior pole vaulter Joe Noonan from Lincoln-Way East in Frankfort vaults during a preliminary flight on Friday at O'Brien Stadium.



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Sophomore George Weed from Laphier High School in Springfield throws the discus in preliminary flights on Friday at O'Brien Stadium during competition for the IHSA state track and field meet.



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A group of boys compete in the 110-meter high hurdles Friday at O'Brien Stadium during competition for the IHSA Boys state track and field meet. 582 schools competed in the event from across Illinois. Five state records were broken on Saturday as athletes competed in the finals.

SPORTS

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'It was a good year over all.'

■ Panthers finish season, return with tail between legs

By BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers' season came to an end last weekend as their loss to Austin Peay eliminated them from the OVC tournament.

Austin Peay defeated Eastern 10-2 behind clutch hitting and a solid performance by Shawn Kelley, the Governors' starting pitcher. Eastern managed only two runs and eight hits against Kelley as he went the distance to earn the victory.

The Panthers found themselves trailing 6-0 after just two innings as Eastern starting pitcher Kenny Firlit allowed six earned runs in his 1 2/3 innings of work.

Mike Manns replaced Firlit on the mound and gave up three earned runs in the bottom of the fourth, allowing the Governors to increase their lead to 9-1.

In contrast to the opening round of the tournament, the Panthers' pitching staff only walked one batter, after allowing 10 free passes in

their loss to Southeast Missouri State.

All nine RBI's for Austin Peay came from the middle of their order and the Governors scored nine of their 10 runs with two outs as they came up with clutch hit after clutch hit.

First baseman Erik Huber was the only Panther with two hits and third baseman Ryan Campbell had the lone RBI.

Eastern Head Coach Jim Schmitz was very disappointed with the fact that the team did not play well, especially after finishing the regular season strong, winning seven of their last nine conference games.

"We came out flat in both games," Campbell said.

The Panthers' pitching staff was a little banged up heading into the tournament as their number one and number two starting pitchers were hurt.

"The key was that our starting pitching didn't pitch well," Schmitz said.

The season was a step in the right direction as Eastern finished with an overall record of 31-24, adding 14 wins to last year's total.

Schmitz said the team wanted to get back on the winning track and to get third in conference after where they finished last year is



Freshman pitcher Jake Wade delivers the ball to a batter during Eastern's games against Morehead State on May 22, 2006 at Coaches Stadium.

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something to be proud of.

"It was a good year overall," Schmitz said.

Eastern finished the year third in the conference with a 4.73 team ERA (earned run average) and first in fielding percentage (.968).

Offensively, Schmitz hopes to improve the team's power numbers between now and next season as the

team finished third in batting average (.304) but hit a conference low 12 home runs. In comparison, Eastern Kentucky led the conference with 56 homers.

The outlook for next season is promising as Eastern returns the majority of their contributing players.

"We are very excited about next

year and will be disappointed if we don't contend for the conference title," Schmitz said.

Jacksonville State defeated Samford in the OVC title game 9-8 to earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. JSU earned a first-round match up on Friday with number one seed Alabama.

Softball player leaves with honors



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

■ Hard work and great play send Karos on her way

By CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Rachel Karos was recognized for her outstanding season with Second Team All-Midwest Region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The senior third baseman is the first Eastern player to earn all-region honors since teammate Sandyn Short was named a second team selection following her freshman season in 2004.

Karos' hard work and great play has done much to endear her to teammates and coaches. Karos says that she feels like all of her teammates are her best friends and the coaches brought a lot to the table in terms of bettering the team. Many of Karos' teammates and coaches feel that she possesses many of the qualities of a great player.

"Few people realize that Rachel hits for average, power, on-base percentage, steals and definitely is one of the best defensive third basemen," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette.

Karos led the team in batting average (.362), hits (67), runs scored (36), slugging (.508) and on-base percentage (.438). Karos was the only Eastern player to start every game at the same position for the second straight season and was also able to post career bests in doubles (9), triples (3), home runs (4) and stolen bases (15) this past season.

Karos also put up great stats defensively as well. Karos committed only six errors in 266 chances and registered an Eastern single-season record 174 defensive assists.

According to Karos, she spent her first two years at Eastern playing basketball, but it became too hard for her to continue playing after a family tragedy.

"I lost my brother like a year before school started, and he

was always a big part of me playing basketball. It got really hard playing without him," Karos said.

Karos says she quit basketball her sophomore year and sat around for a while before she decided to play softball. Karos had played softball in high school so she was familiar with the sport, and her statistics show it worked out not only for her but for Eastern as well.

Karos says being named second team was a surprise for her but she felt honored and it was a good way to go out for her final season. Karos' teammates feel she is deserving of the honors because she is such a great athlete and almost irreplaceable.

"She's a really hard worker and she's really good at what she does, and I have yet to see a third baseman better than she is," said teammate Katy Steele.

Karos' teammates say that playing without her will be difficult. They feel that Karos will be missed, both because of her personality and her play on the field.

"As a player she is very aggressive, and as a friend she will do anything for anybody. She is a very, very caring person, she doesn't like to see anybody upset," said catcher Nicole Eichelberger.

Karos finished her career at Eastern among the all-time leaders in doubles (26), homeruns (6), runs scored (87) and stolen bases (20).

Karos will graduate Eastern with a major in physical education and a minor in health. Karos will student teach in the fall, and then she will be able to graduate.

She hopes to teach either physical education or health after graduation.

Karos' career at Eastern

26 doubles
6 homeruns
87 runs scored
20 stolen bases

Senior third baseman Rachel Karos received Second Team All-Midwest Region honors for the 2006 season. Karos led the Panthers in five offensive stats; batting average (.362), hits (67), runs scored (36), slugging (.508) and on-base percentage (.438).