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Dusting off the fake tree

Emily Walck, a sophomore zoology major, and Michelle Walter, a freshman computer science major, work on putting together a fake tree in the lobby of the Wesley Foundation Monday night. They were taking part in the yearly decorating of the building.

Individualized Studies program draws opposition from faculty

By KELLY WERT
Staff writer

The approval of the Individualized Studies Degree Program Nov. 20 by the Council on Academic Affairs has left many

faculty members disappointed with the CAA's decision.

"I believe it was a well intentioned plan which will unfortunately cause more problems than it will solve," said John Allison, professor of English.

Gary Aylesworth, chair of the philosophy department, said Eastern does not need a degree program such as the Individualized Studies.

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Booth Library renovations on hold till '98

Funding hinges on legislature's spring session

By JUSTIN KMITCH
Administration editor

Eastern will not be receiving the \$16 million in capital funding needed to renovate Booth Library until at least early in the spring session of the General Assembly.

House Bill 398, which included legislation to correct errors in the fiscal year 1998 budget and included all capital funding recommended by the governor, was adopted by the Senate, but was not approved by the House of Representatives, said Chris Merrifield, Eastern's liaison to the capitol.

"The General Assembly passed the bonded indebtedness bill, which allows us to sell bonds, but

they did not approve the capital project list, which allows us to move ahead with our renovation plans," Merrifield said.

The bill is currently being held over for further consideration during the spring session.

"I am confident that the bill will be approved early in the spring session, so we can get it to the governor, so he can sign it," Merrifield said.

Merrifield said Eastern currently ranks eighth on the capital projects list and does not anticipate a downward move on the list if the bill is approved during the spring session.

"If the bill is not passed by the General Assembly by the spring of '98, I will feel that we have been pushed back on the list, due to inflation," Merrifield said.

Merrifield said Eastern currently has \$1 million left from the FY 1997 budget.

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Direct Internet hookups a trend in Illinois residence halls

SURFING AT HOME

Bringing direct Internet hookups to Eastern residence hall rooms is a project still in the planning stages. Here is what some other state universities offer in their residence halls.

ROLL OUT OF BED

Illinois State: Certain residence halls have direct access from individual rooms.

Northern Illinois: Residence hall rooms have had direct hookups for two years.

University of Illinois at Champaign: Residence hall rooms have had direct hookups for four years.

BUY A MODEM

Southern Illinois at Carbondale: Only some computer labs in residence halls have direct hookups.

Western Illinois: Residence hall students can only access the Internet from their rooms if they have their own modem.

Eastern is chasing U of I, Illinois State, Northern Illinois

By AMYTHON
Student government editor

While Eastern makes plans to improve Internet access by the year 2000, two out of the other five state universities in Illinois already have Internet access which is available to students in residence halls without using a modem.

The University of Illinois located in Champaign is already using this system.

"This is our fourth year in operation," said Donna Price from the U of I housing office. "We have 3,166 computers online this year."

Illinois State University at Normal also has access for students in some residence halls.

"In certain residence halls they can (access the Internet without a modem)," said Tracy Rosenberger from the academic computing office. "The majority (of the residence halls) use a dial-in."

Rosenberger said one residence hall currently has access.

Currently, the only way for Eastern students to access the internet from their room is to dial in with a modem. However, one of the campus improvement projects voted on last spring, allowed for the improvement of the Internet system.

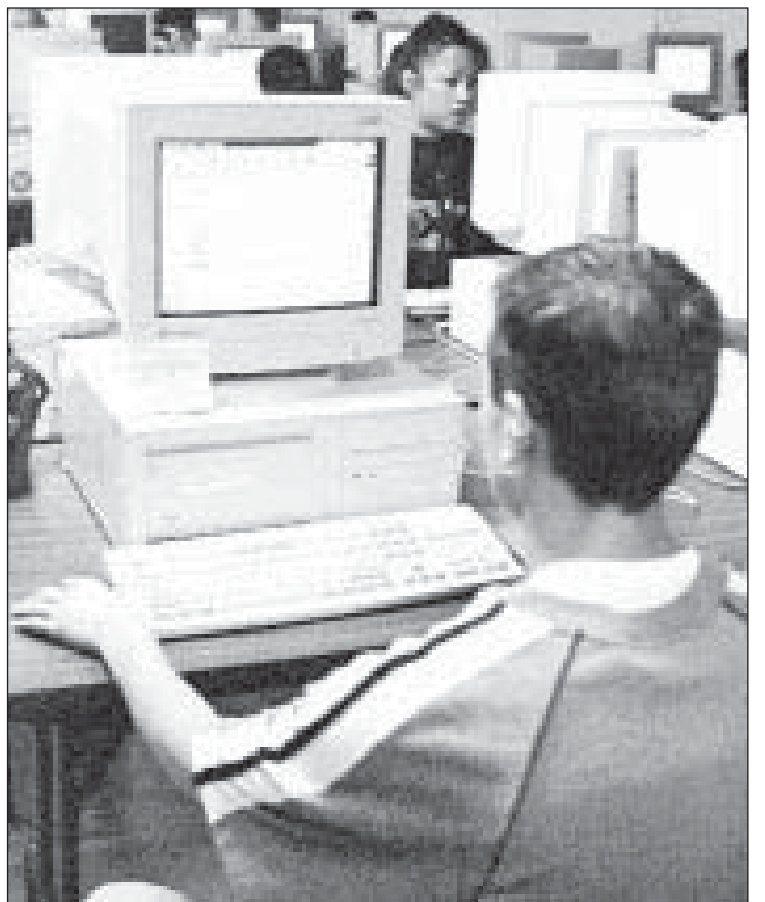
When the project is completed, students will have Internet access in their residence hall rooms using a port for the entire hall, instead of a modem.

The students at Western Illinois University located in Macomb cannot access the Internet from their rooms except by using the dial-in system.

"(Students) have to use a modem," said Leroy Scheiwe from Western's academic computing office.

This also is the case at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Not all residence hall computer labs have internet access at SIU, however the library computer lab does, said Thor Gunnin an employee at a residence hall computer lab.

Northern Illinois University in DeKalb has had access for students in the dorm for two years, said Roshni Palchadhuri from the computer assistance office.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Todd Conroy, a sophomore political science major, works on finding information about Reebok Monday night in the Taylor Hall computer lab.

U.S. prepared to financially aid South Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) – The United States stands ready to support a financial bailout plan for South Korea if that country accepts the tough conditions of the International Monetary Fund, President Clinton said Monday. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin cautioned the adjustment period for the Koreans would be difficult.

Neither Clinton nor Rubin would speculate on how much money the United States might contribute, but the administration stressed that the funds would be

provided only as a second line of defense should an initial package assembled by the IMF prove inadequate.

“I favor a strong agreement with the IMF that would actually restore financial stability and confidence in South Korea,” the president said. “And if such an agreement could be made then I would favor the United States participating along with Japan, much the same way we did in the recent matter involving Indonesia.” Indonesia, Thailand and the

Philippines all sought IMF help this year amid a wave of Asian currency devaluations, bankruptcies and bank failures. South Korea, the world’s 11th largest economy, originally asked the IMF for \$20 billion but said last week it would need far more.

In a statement Monday, the World Bank said it was prepared to make a “substantial and rapid” contribution to the South Korean rescue package.

The South Korea rescue package was being modeled after a \$40

billion effort launched in October for Indonesia. In that case, \$23 billion was put up by the IMF and other international lending agencies, including the World Bank, with the United States pledging an additional \$3 billion as part of a \$17 billion package of back-up resources should the initial amount not prove sufficient to stabilize the Indonesian economy.

Clinton said the United States, in helping Indonesia and Mexico earlier, had insisted that “a rigorous plan that had a high likelihood

of success in restoring long-term health and stability.”

The president said the Mexicans “took a lot of hits to their economy, but it rebounded much more quickly than anyone thought it would, and they paid the money back to us ahead of time and at a profit.”

In the case of the Mexican currency crisis, the United States was forced to take the lead in pledging \$20 billion in what eventually grew to a \$50 billion international rescue package.

U.S. nuclear weapons' uranium to be converted for positive use

WASHINGTON (AP) – International inspectors began overseeing Monday the conversion of U.S. uranium used for nuclear weapons into fuel for power plants.

“A new page in the history of nuclear arms control is being written,” Energy Secretary Federico Pena said in announcing the inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

“For the first time, international monitors are witnessing a nuclear weapon state take weapons-usable uranium from its military program and transform it into fuel for heating homes and lighting cities.” Converting excess weapons-grade uranium into fuel sold to power companies has been under way for some time.

Already, Pena said, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. is using the marble-sized pellets at its Calvert Cliffs, Md., Commercial Nuclear Power Plant.

But Monday was the first time international monitors could see the process at the department’s Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio.

“IAEA monitoring provides confidence to the international community that nuclear reductions are moving forward and will be irreversible,” Pena con-

tended.

In addition to monitoring by sophisticated and secure IAEA equipment at the Portsmouth facility, IAEA inspectors will make random biweekly visits beginning Dec. 17. The conversion is expected to be completed by August 1998.

Initially, the IAEA will inspect the conversion of 3.5 tons of uranium, part of the 174 tons President Clinton has said the U.S. military no longer needs. All 174 tons eventually will be made available for IAEA monitoring.

Pena noted the United States was the first country with nuclear weapons to declare that it had an excess of nuclear material and now is the first to permit international inspections.

He renewed his challenge to other nuclear powers to join in reducing weapons stockpiles.

Russia has agreed to dilute 500 tons of weapons-usable uranium and sell it to the United States for commercial use over the next 20 years. Pena said Russia, the United States and the IAEA now are trying to come to an agreement for the agency to monitor both countries’ excess nuclear materials.

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“I’m disappointed the CAA approved the plan,” Aylesworth said. “It didn’t have much structure and no data was presented to show a program was needed.”

Anita Shelton, history professor and CAA member, agreed the program is not needed at Eastern.

“I’m not impressed by it. I think the committee did not do a convincing job of why the program was needed,” Shelton said.

The Individualized Studies Program was proposed in March by William Hine, dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education. The proposal has undergone five revisions based on campus feedback.

The proposal is currently being reviewed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

According to the plan, the ISP was designed “for the academically strong student, who is interested

in obtaining a specialized undergraduate degree that does not duplicate an existing degree major on campus.”

Faculty members are also concerned about how the degree program will effect them.

“Faculty is already overworked and overextended,” Shelton said.

“We will be supervising the program,” Shelton said. “It’s one more thing to keep track of, faculty will have to do a lot of advising, CAA already has it’s hands full.”

Aylesworth said he was uncertain about the specifics of the program.

“The proposal wasn’t very specific, he said. “There’s no way to tell what the effect will be on the faculty.”

CAA Chair Mary Wohlrabe said the degree program will not have a large impact on students.

“The program won’t affect stu-

dents that much, since only 40 students will be in the program,” Wohlrabe said.

Allison said he is concerned students may need to be fulfilling prerequisites for a wide variety of courses.

“My concern is that students may have to take more hours, not fewer hours to satisfy prerequisites in a variety of departments,” Allison said.

A student’s job marketability with the degree still remains questionable for some faculty members.

“Unless the job is in a specialized field, corporations are looking for people with analytical and writing skills, less tied to a degree,” Shelton said.

“I think it’s more likely that students with the ISP will be discriminated against in the job market.” Allison said.

New York bus ad isn't what Mayor Giuliani calls tasteful tweaking

NEW YORK (AP) – The city’s high-profile mayor must put up with “the limelight of publicity – good and bad,” a federal judge said Monday in ruling that ads mocking the mayor must be put back on city buses.

“Who would have dreamed that the mayor would object to more publicity?” U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin said in rejecting Mayor Rudolph Giuliani’s argument that he controls the use of his name in advertisements.

The city last month yanked ads from city buses that said New York magazine was “possibly the only good thing in New York Rudy hasn’t taken credit for.” City lawyers cited a state law preventing people from having their names or faces in ads without their permission.

The magazine sued, saying the city and the Metropolitan Transit Authority had violated its right to free speech.

The judge called the advertisement “clearly a hybrid of commercial speech and political satire” that qualifies for protection under the Constitution.

Scheindlin said Giuliani’s right to privacy is limited

because he is a highly visible public figure. Her ruling at times mocked the mayor’s appetite for attention, even referring to his recent appearance in drag on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live.” “One who has chosen to be mayor, and therefore to be the subject of daily commentary and controversy, cannot avoid the limelight of publicity – good and bad,” she wrote.

“The ad in issue comments on Giuliani’s professional persona. As such, it does not invade his privacy,” the judge ruled.

Giuliani, a former U.S. attorney in Manhattan elected to a second term last month, said the judge was wrong.

“I think that mayors retain certain privacy rights, particularly the right to not have your name used for a commercial purpose,” he said.

New York magazine signed an \$85,000 contract to display the ads on 75 buses through December. Caroline Miller, the magazine’s editor, said she hopes the mayor will “bury the hatchet.” “This is, after all, an affectionate joke. This is a tasteful tweaking,” she said. “We’re hoping at some point the mayor will lighten up.”

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“That \$1 million is being used to ensure that an architect is hired and planning continues to move forward,” Merrifield said. “That way, by the time the \$16 million is released, we’ll be ready to go

ahead with the renovation project.” Allen Lanham, dean of Booth Library, declined comment.

Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management, was unavailable for comment.

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Picture perfect

Students walk by a window that was painted before Thanksgiving break, Monday night before dinner. The windows are painted by different floors from Taylor and Lawson halls as part of the decorating for the Holiday season.

Recipes to fund speakers on campus

Interfraternity Council to sell cookbooks, raise money

By HEATHER CYGAN
Campus editor

The Interfraternity Council is conducting a fundraiser to sell a homemade cookbook composed of recipes from students, faculty, staff and Eastern's Parents Club.

The cookbook was compiled in an attempt to "build a more collegial campus," said Ryan Willerton, a graduate assistant and student personnel major.

The money collected will go

toward various educational series such as speakers, Willerton said.

The "Recipe a Day" cookbook was sorted into categories by the Student Life Office. The office used 365 of the recipes they received, Willerton said.

Willerton said the cookbook is a good mix of different recipes and consists of about 50 percent student, 15 to 20 percent parent and 30 percent faculty recipes.

The recipes have all been tried and Willerton said he even worked on a couple of them over Thanksgiving break.

Willerton said this is the first time a cookbook fundraiser has been held. The Interfraternity

council came up with the idea because it was "different and off the wall," Willerton said.

The cookbook took four months to complete and it was a large task, Willerton said. The publisher even added little sayings at the bottom of the pages to create a calendar like approach to the 365 day recipe book.

Cookbooks have been selling well, Willerton said. They have sold out twice and are expected to make a good turn out before the Christmas season, Willerton said.

The recipe books can be purchased from the Student Life Office for \$10 and may also be ordered there as well.

Jury selection begins today in Bickers' trial

Potential jurors to rule on charges of obscenity

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

Jury selection for the trial of Mike Bickers on obscenity charges will begin today.

The call for potential jurors will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Coles County Courthouse on the square in Charleston.

Bickers, owner of Capone's, is facing obscenity charges for alleged acts which reportedly occurred at his business. Capone's is an adult entertainment establishment, located at 1100 18th St.

The jury selection is contin-

ued from a Nov. 16 hearing at which time Bickers' attorney, Tom Glasson, requested more information of the alleged obscene acts that was not included in the Bill of Particulars.

The bill provided only the date, time and place of the alleged acts.

Judge Theresa Righter ruled at the Nov. 17 hearing that State's Attorney Steve Ferguson had to provide Glasson with more information in a supplemental Bill of Particulars, which would further explain the alleged obscene acts.

Righter also ruled that Ferguson was not required to give Glasson grand jury transcripts or the videotape of the alleged obscene acts that took place at Capone's.

Council hopes holiday cheer 'initiates' the spirit of giving across campus

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

The holiday season is the season for giving and the new initiates of Eastern's Greek community hopes the spirit will permeate the campus today through Thursday.

"Clothesline Across Campus," sponsored by the Junior Greek Council, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Library Quad. This is the first annual "Clothesline Across Campus."

"I thought it would be a good idea to bring it to Eastern, hopefully we can do it every year," said Sara Groom, Panhellenic Council's vice president for new member education.

The Junior Greek Council is looking for any type of clothing

for both adults and children, especially winter apparel.

Students and staff are invited to hang their donations on a clothesline to be strung from trees in the Library Quad. Members will be at the clothesline to help with the donations.

"This clothesline is offered where students can see it and hopefully run to their dorms and put more stuff on it," Groom said.

Catholic Charities in Mattoon will benefit from the donations. Groom said she hopes this event will be able to generate many boxes each day for Catholic Charities, an organization chosen because it services the entire area.

"This is a chance to give and show that EIU can give back to the community," Groom said.

Program to warn students of STD dangers

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

Presents are great during the holiday season, but one Eastern's Counseling Center would like to keep out of the hands and bodies of Eastern students is sexually transmitted diseases.

A program titled "Happy Healthy Holidays" will be held at noon today in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Health Services nurse Judy Meyer said she believes the winter break leaves students across the country vulnerable to STDs. At this time of the year, she, the Counseling Center, and Health

“It is important to be careful all of the time. ... But when students go home for the holidays, and the boyfriends and girlfriends are there, they haven't seen them in a while, and there is more time to party instead of study.”

— Judy Meyer,
Health Service nurse

Services hope that students will be especially careful, Meyer said.

"It is important to be careful all of the time," she said. "But when

students go home for the holidays, and the boyfriends and girlfriends are there, they haven't seen them in a while, and there is more time to party instead of studying."

Meyer will speak on the hardships of STDs, how students can get them and how to avoid contracting them. She also will stress the importance of safe sex because of the many STDs that remain with the carrier for life, including AIDS and Herpes, Meyer said.

In the past the Life Skills Seminar has given away condoms to promote their use, and Meyer hopes they will have enough this year too.



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Pack rat

Tracy Rule, a senior journalism major, works on unpacking boxes for the Journalism Department office Monday afternoon.

Correction

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Kim Wadhams' title was stated incorrectly in the & Then Some column.

She is the vice president for membership in

Kappa Delta Sorority.

Also, Kappa Delta President Jennifer Brdlik's name was spelled incorrectly.

The News regrets the errors.

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Reality of borrowing money should teach a lesson to the UB

The University Board should use the loan approved by the Apportionment Board not only as a means to repay the loss of the Aretha Franklin concert, but also as a lesson.

Pending Student Senate approval, the UB will be given a \$20,000 loan at 6 percent interest to be repaid in three years to the AB.

The loan was needed because the Franklin concert lost about \$38,000. Although that is a large loss, it wouldn't have been as much of a problem had several concerts before it not also

Editorial

lost money.

The compilation of losses over recent years has had a domino effect for the UB. The UB has used all the money in the concert fund that accumulates through profits in concerts, depleted a \$30,000 concerts reserve fund and has grown so much in debt that the UB now has even dipped into the student activity fee reserve account.

Because the losses have grown so much, the UB had to seek a loan from the AB to allow them to take money from the reserve account but have a systematic way of replacing it.

Although the UB tries to provide entertainment that will appeal to students, it obviously has not been doing a good job in the students' eyes.

The loan may be the first time the UB has had to resort to borrowing money to make up for losing money from concerts.

UB Chair Tom Ryan said he is not sure how long it will take to repay the loan.

The UB is counting on a successful Family Weekend next year with Bill Cosby as the main performer to repay the loan and begin replenishing the concert reserve account.

Although the AB has tentatively said there will be no spring concert, the UB has not stopped its search. The UB is hoping a successful spring concert will begin the replenishing process earlier.

The loan is probably not the best way to use students' money. But the loan originated because the UB consistently lost money from concerts and needs some way to repay the students for the losses.

Hopefully the UB will take the lesson it learns from having to take out a loan to heart and be even more careful in choosing concerts that students will want to attend.

“today's quote

Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with.

— Charles Farrar Browne
American humorist (1834-67)

Scholarships should replace execs' waivers

The Student Senate is considering a second proposal for changing the way executive board members are compensated.

The senate began to research the topic of compensation based upon the results of a survey conducted during last spring's student body elections.

The main reason tuition waivers have been used is to assure students that their money is being spent correctly. Opposed to elected officials paying for keg parties with student activity fee money, they are paying for education.

Tuition waivers paid for with student activity fee money also makes executive board members doubly accountable to students. Government officials are not only tied to their constituents by virtue of popular vote, but also monetarily. It gives added responsibility to the job of representing students to every level of Eastern.

The new proposal would remove full-tuition waivers for the six positions and give them tuition waivers based upon hours worked per month.

The proposal does have its strengths; it would save the Student Government \$1,932.40 a semester. The extra money could be used to fund the student lobbying team, which is becoming increasingly more important as universities fight for shrinking funds for higher education. The money could even be redistributed into the student activity fee for more programming for the university.

The new proposal meets many of the criteria suggested by students surveyed. It would remove full-tuition waivers. It limits the number of hours worked by executive officers in order to change the amount of compensation. The proposal is even based on the minimum wage.

However, the waivers are still allocated from the stu-



MATT ADRIAN
Regular columnist

"Tuition waivers paid for with student activity fee money also makes executive board members doubly accountable to stu-

dent activity fee. According to the survey results, students opposed using the activity fee 1,270 to 304.

During last week's senate meeting, Nick Natale, senate member, suggested that Student Government use scholarships that aren't given during the academic year to the executive members.

In theory, this sounds like a simple solution to fulfill the linger-

ing criteria. Compensating Student Government members shouldn't take scholarships from other students.

Using leftover scholarships also is an unstable form of compensation.

It is not guaranteed that the same number of scholarships will be available every year at the same amount of compensation.

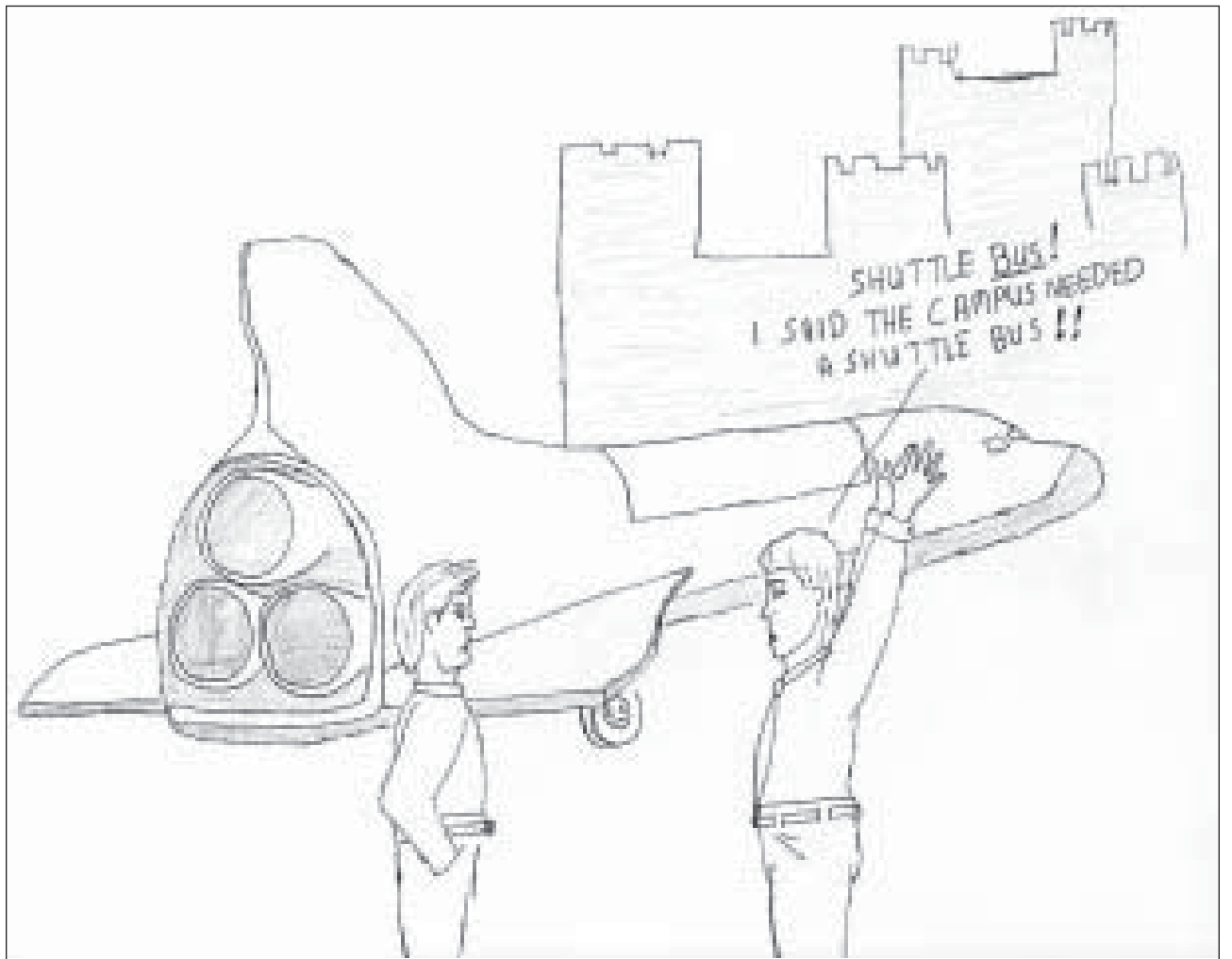
The scholarships would also remove the added accountability that comes with receiving student activity fee money.

On the other hand, providing compensation without the use of the student activity fee would reflect the wishes of the surveyed students. As a representative body, the Student Government should make decisions that are based on opinions of the constituents. Perhaps the Student Government should look into creating scholarships for the six executive board members.

The scholarships would be specifically geared to Student Government and not remove other scholarships from the grasp of the ordinary student.

It would involve the Student Senate contacting alumni to sponsor a scholarship program but would alleviate the burden on the student activity fee.

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Coming Out Day was chance for everyone to see where they fit in

To the editor:

In recent weeks there has been much controversy concerning the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union asking people to wear blue jeans on what was a celebration of Eastern's Coming Out Day.

First of all, the reason that blue jeans were chosen as the symbol to show support was because every day, gay men and lesbians think about who they are and where they fit in. The need to fit in and be "normal" for many is very crucial. The problem, as I see it, is that there is not clear definition of "normal," nor should there be.

Everyone is an individual and has the right to an opinion. For one split second while picking out your outfit for the day you were making a conscious decision,

your turn

if on that Thursday you wanted to be ridiculed.

Every day, homosexuals have to think about that by just being who they are. Personally I do not want to fit in. I am a person and who I am is who I will always be!

For those of the population who believe that homosexuality is a choice, do you really think that we choose to be like this? You are just deceiving yourselves. For centuries, we have been harassed and/or harmed for being who we are. This is not a choice!

For those who do not wish to support this "lifestyle," all people should embrace others, as to help everyone grow as a society. As homosexuals, we have seen the heterosexual viewpoint shown in a positive light and as the "right" thing to do. We do not see anything wrong with positive role models

in this part of our society, but we also want people to know that there are positive individuals in all walks of society and none should be left out.

Michael Postma
sophomore elementary
education major

Letter policy

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They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students must indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Poets to share their words of wisdom

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

The Coles County Arts Council invites all unabashed poets to come share their words and wisdom, and that of others, in another of their Dudley House Open Poetry Readings.

This is the last poetry reading of the year, and will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Dudley House, 895 Seventh St. in Charleston.

This monthly event gives poets the chance to share both their original pieces and published words of others.

"We try to do both (published and original works)," said Nan Hennings, director of literature

CCAC. "It gives (the event) more breadth and height if they include the writings of others."

The reading gives poets who have been neglected the chance to bring their own work to an environment where others will listen and hopefully add to the enjoyment said Hennings.

Hennings said she hopes the event lends more of an audience to the poets.

"It is a forum for people to have listeners," Hennings said. "I think they like that, and I like that."

This month the readings will have the themes of the December season: Pearl Harbor Day, winter, Kwanza, Chanukah, and Christmas and New Year's Day.

City council to discuss approval of a tax levy

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

The Charleston City Council will discuss the approval of a tax levy tonight at their semi-monthly meeting.

The council members will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located on Jackson Ave.

The tax levy must be adopted no later than Dec. 31. The ordinance, when approved, will instruct the County Clerk to collect real estate taxes based on the tax rate established.

The council members will vote on resolutions, which include the abating of a tax levy in connection with the bond issue of

1980 and 1993. This resolution directs the County Clerk to abate the required tax levy for the above referenced bond issue due to the receipt of revenues necessary to meet the annual debt requirement.

Also included in the resolutions is the authorizing of an agreement modifying a collective bargaining contract between Charleston and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 841C. The resolution approves amendments to an existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the IUOE 841C, who represent public works employees and clerical staff.

Campus police chief reports theft of golf clubs from country club

By HEATHER CYGAN
and JAIME HODGE
Staff editors

Not even the protectors of the campus are protected against theft.

Eastern's Police Chief Thomas D. Larson, 52, of 2139 Cameron Place, reported a number of golf clubs missing from his golf bag at 1:26 a.m. Tuesday at the Charleston Country Club.

The golf clubs were Tommy Armour's 855's Silver Scott Brand. Irons two through nine were missing, along with a sand wedge, pitching wedge and two other wedges. The theft is valued over \$300.

Lance T. Lohrenz, 24, of 129 University Apartments reported his Mongoose Hilltop men's bicycle stolen, according to a police report.

The bike was stolen between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at McAfee Gymnasium bicycle rack and its value is estimated at \$435, a police report stated.

Criminal damage to state supported property was reported when a water fountain was knocked over causing a water

pipe to leak in the Ford Hall basement, a police report stated.

The incident occurred some time during the night up until 10 a.m. of Nov. 16, a police report stated.

In other city and campus news, a number of alcohol related arrests were cited over the past week:

■ Rebecca J. Beyers, 19, of Mattoon, was cited at 1:45 a.m. Sunday at 1316 Fourth St. for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.

■ James Kenneth Spain, 19, of 328 Douglas St., was cited at 11:45 p.m. Sunday in the 2000 block of Ninth Street for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.

■ Demetris Watts, 28, of 1400 18th St., was cited at 8:45 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of Jackson Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

■ Steven T. Lirban, 22, of Glenview, was cited at 1:39 a.m. Nov. 21 at the corner of Ninth Street and Cleveland Avenue for driving under the influence and

failing to signal.

■ Terry L. Owens, 21, of Mt. Vernon, was cited at 9:56 p.m. Nov. 21 at Lincoln Avenue and Ninth Street for possession of drug paraphernalia, violating a raised median, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent and illegal transportation of alcohol.

■ Andrew Wayne Nault, 19, of 406 Eighth St., was cited at 1:38 a.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of Fourth Street for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent, no insurance, driving with a suspended license, improper lane usage and minor consumption of alcohol.

■ Todd Steven Rentfrow, 22, of Mattoon, was cited at 1:39 a.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of Division St. for driving under the influence and improper lane usage.

■ Richard Moore, 20, of 1532 Second St., and James Joseph Donahue, 21, of the same address, were cited at 1:55 a.m. Nov. 21 at their home address. Moore was cited for minor frequenting a licensed premises, purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor and disturbing the peace.

Men barred from sexually explicit movie

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) – Women packed a Sri Lankan theater after it barred men from certain shows of "Kama Sutra" – a film based on the fourth-century Indian sex manual.

"Since all of us were women, there was no embarrassment to watch some of the very sensual

scenes," said one patron, Sujatha de Silva. "I would not have seen the movie if there were men inside the hall." David Joseph, manager of the Savoy theater in Colombo, had to seek permission from the government to discriminate against men for one show a day last week.

Almost all the Savoy's 948 seats were full for the women-only shows. The regular shows also have been full, but few women go to those for fear of being harassed.

"Kama Sutra" was named one of the 10 best movies of the 1996 Toronto film festival.

Scientists say genetic defects may make people smell like fish

NEW YORK (AP) – Scientists have identified genetic defects that make people smell like rotting fish, an uncommon disorder that can lead to ridicule, loneliness and depression.

"These people lose jobs, they lose friends, they're often very isolated," said Dr. Eileen Treacy of McGill University in Montreal, who led one of two competing

research teams that found the flaws in a single gene.

Robert L. Smith of the Imperial College School of Medicine in London, a member of the other group, told of a woman who divorced her husband because she thought he was not keeping himself clean.

When she learned he had the disorder, "she was full of

remorse," he said.

No cure is known for "fish-odor syndrome," though avoiding certain foods and taking antibiotics can help. The new work might lead to better treatments, researchers said.

The British research team, led by Ian R. Phillips of the University of London, reported its work in the December issue of the

journal Nature Genetics. Treacy's results were presented last month at a genetics meeting.

It's not clear how common fish-odor syndrome is. Smith said it is mentioned in some ancient literature and even caught the attention of Shakespeare, who in "The Tempest" describes a character with "a very ancient and fish-like smell." The newly found

defects cripple the body's ability to produce an effective version of an enzyme called FMO3. The liver needs that enzyme to process a smelly protein called TMA, or trimethylamine, which is produced by bacteria in the gut. When TMA goes unprocessed, it seeps out in a person's breath and perspiration, causing the offensive body odor.

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14-year-old charged with killing two students, injuring others

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who warned last week that "something big's going to happen" inserted earplugs, drew a gun and shot eight students as a prayer meeting ended in a high school lobby Monday.

Two girls were killed and a third was in critical condition.

The boy, who had three spare clips of ammunition and four other guns, surrendered when Ben Strong — a pastor's son and leader of the prayer circle — grabbed the teen after he stopped shooting.

Afterward, the boy told Heath High School Principal Bill Bond, "I'm sorry." "He acted just like he had been caught with some minor offense," Bond said.

"Really, the main question is, why," Sheriff Frank Augustus said. "He stated there was no personal vendetta against anyone. It

was just a random shooting." Strong said the boy hung out with people who claimed to be atheists.

The teen, who was not identified because of his age, carried into school a .22-caliber handgun with three spare clips of ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns.

He wrapped the rifles and shotguns in blankets and told curious classmates they were props for a science project.

The gunman warned friends in this western Kentucky community last week that "something big's going to happen," Bond said.

The principal said an informal prayer meeting of about 35 students ended at 7:40 a.m., with the shooter and about a dozen others standing nearby.

He said the teen calmly inserted earplugs, then drew the pistol from a backpack.

"Only the first three shots could

have been aimed," Bond said.

"After that, it was just as fast as he could pull the trigger. It was just random shooting." Ben Heady, a senior, said he was nearby when the shooting began.

"I hear gunshots, about 10 in a row, just bang, bang, bang, bang, bang," he said. "People were just laying on the ground. People were screaming, running out of the hall."

Kacey Steger, 15, died at a hospital about 45 minutes later.

Jessica James, 17, died in surgery. Five other students were admitted to hospitals, one girl in critical condition.

An eighth wounded student was treated.

"I ran up to him and I just kind of pushed him against the wall," said Strong, who was warned by the gunman not to be in the lobby Monday.

Judge decides to crack down on 10 year olds

Judge orders two girls to play nice together or go to jail

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Stepping into a hair-pulling, name-calling dispute that went from the schoolhouse to the courthouse, a judge Monday ordered two 10-year-old girls to play nice or risk going to jail.

"If one of you looks cross-eyed to the other, you're going to come back here," Circuit Judge Michael Schwartz warned fifth-grade classmates Kytan Schultz and Cassandra Reibel in an after-school hearing.

"No more harassment, no more threats, no more obscenities or vulgar names, no more pulling hair, no more threats to the family, no more threatening calls to each other or relatives," he said.

"If one of you causes problems

to the other, I'm going to put you in the juvenile hold." Schwartz, who didn't specify how long he could confine them, cracked down on both girls during a hearing in which he was asked to amend another judge's personal protection order issued Nov. 21 on behalf of Kytan.

The girls only nodded during the stern lecture and stuck close to their parents as they left court.

The fact that the case was in court at all caused a furor in this Detroit suburb.

A prosecutor called it an abuse of the court system, and educators say it could subvert their efforts to teach children how to get along.

"Where did we get this idea that every dispute between children has to wind up before a circuit court judge" asked prosecutor Carl Marlinga, who was not involved in the case.

Infant mortality rate at all-time low, life expectancy at birth rises to 76.1

CHICAGO (AP) — The infant mortality rate in the United States has fallen to an all-time low, while life expectancy at birth has reached a new high, at 76.1 years.

In 1996, there were 7.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, according to a summary of preliminary 1996 government statistics published in the December issue of Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. That's 5 percent lower than in 1995 and the lowest ever recorded in the United States.

The life expectancy for children born in 1996 was 76.1 years, or 0.3 years longer than in 1995,

according to the summary, which was based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics and the Census Bureau.

Medical developments were the main reasons for the decline in the infant mortality rate, said lead author Dr. Bernard Guyer of Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore.

But while scientific progress is keeping more children alive, it is also contributing to the growing number of infants with low birth weights — 7.4 percent of all births in 1996, up from 7.3 percent in 1995 and the highest level reported since 1975.

The traditional risk factors did not appear to be to blame.

Smoking during pregnancy was down, and early prenatal care rates were up.

Instead, the trend was attributed to increased use of fertility treatments and the growing number of women in their 40s giving birth.

Fertility treatments and giving birth late in life raise the chances of multiple births, which almost always result in premature, underweight babies.

Also, individual babies born to older women are more likely to be underweight.

Ninth annual World AIDS Day honors AIDS victims

PARIS (AP) — AIDS activists around the world marched, prayed and wore red ribbons Monday to mark the ninth World AIDS Day — while AIDS victims in poor nations did what they did every day: Lived, struggled and died in obscurity.

On Monday, at least, their lives were honored.

In Europe, demonstrators observed the day with candlelight marches and songs; in Asia, governments announced new education and health programs aimed at fighting their growing AIDS problem.

Thousands marched in Paris at sundown, blowing whistles and carrying placards demanding more help for victims.

Rallies were also held in other French cities.

"They are dying less in France, in the rich countries, but they continue to die more and more in the poor countries," said French Health Minister Bernard Kouchner.

Kouchner announced a plan to require that French doctors report the number of patients who test positive for the AIDS virus, though the names would remain confidential.

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World governments form critical negotiations on global warming

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — After two years of preliminaries, the world's governments got down to the final critical round of negotiations Monday on controlling energy use in the 21st century to protect the planet against global warming.

In what promises to be 10 days of hard bargaining, the United States opened the bidding with a surprise shift of position that cheered Japan, dismayed Europe and put environmentalists on a green alert.

The Kyoto conference was convened to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding targets for reducing industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases linked to global warming. If it succeeds, it will set the energy course for much of the world for decades to come, helping change what we drive, how we produce electricity, even what we feed our cattle.

"These 10 days could change the history of humankind,"

Japan's foreign minister, Keizo Obuchi, said in welcoming negotiators from 150 countries.

But the more than 2,000 delegates first must reconcile an array of differing positions on a long list of complex issues, chief among them the size of emissions reductions.

The plan Washington has offered is the most conservative on the table.

While some governments favor reducing the industrial world's emissions by as much as 20 percent below 1990 levels as early as 2005, President Clinton has proposed cutbacks only to, not below, 1990 levels, and only as of 2012.

But soon after Monday's ceremonial opening of the Kyoto sessions, U.S. delegate Melinda Kimble announced a change: The United States would consider "differentiation," setting different target levels for different countries instead of a uniform rate among the 34 affected nations.

The Japanese delegation quickly expressed its satisfaction. It has favored setting a range of target levels geared not to a country's gross emissions but, for example, to per-capita emissions, a measure that might favor an energy-efficient country like Japan.

But the European Union, which proposes a flat reduction of 15 percent among industrial countries, saw a possible ploy.

Delegate Pierre Gramegna of Luxembourg called the American shift toward differentiation "flexibility in the wrong direction. ...We get the impression the game is to find ever more loopholes." The Europeans fear the United States is maneuvering for a deal whereby it would have to reduce emissions less than Europe would.

They noted that Kimble in her opening remarks also drew attention to a new Russian plan to accept essentially whatever targets governments set for themselves.

Doctors say Palestinian leader suffers depression

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is depressed, but does not have Parkinson's disease, an Israeli newspaper quoted Arafat's neurologist as saying Monday.

Ashraf Kurdi, Jordan's health minister and Arafat's physician, was responding to reports in the Israeli media that the Palestinian leader may suffer from Parkinson's, a degenerative brain disease.

Kurdi said he recently examined Arafat. "I did not detect Parkinson's," the Haaretz daily quoted him as saying.

"All this talk about Parkinson's disease is only weakening his position. ...You can already see the witches dance around the question of succession," Kurdi said. "Is it any wonder Arafat is depressed?" The report was not clear on how serious the symptoms were — Kurdi refused to elaborate — and did not indicate whether Arafat was taking any medication.

Arafat spokesman Nabil Abourdeneh refused comment when

asked about Kurdi's assessment.

Rumors that Arafat's health was deteriorating intensified in September when, in an interview with Israel TV's Channel Two, Arafat was pale, with his lower lip trembling. That led to further speculation about a possible Arafat successor.

At the time, Arafat's aides attributed the trembling to the late hour, saying the Palestinian leader was exhausted. His aides have accused Israel of being behind reports of his ill health to undermine his position.

Kurdi said Arafat's constant trembling most likely is hereditary and is not affecting his mind. The physician denied the tremors had any thing to do with Arafat's plane crash in 1992.

Kurdi said that after the crash, Arafat bled internally and had a blood clot in the brain. As a result, Arafat temporarily displayed problems with concentration and suffered from cognitive disorders, Kurdi said.

Russia committs itself to inspect 44,000 chemical weapons

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Russia committed itself Monday to international inspections of its 44,000 tons of chemical arms — a dangerous, decaying legacy of the Soviet era.

The pledge to allow the inspections this summer came at the opening of an international meeting to review the impact of a treaty banning chemical weapons, which took effect in April.

Given the size of Russia's stockpile, its cooperation is key to the success of the chemical

weapons convention. While it had been among the 165 nations that approved the ban in 1993, it ratified the treaty only recently and signed it only last month.

One of the main subjects for discussion during the five-day meeting is how Russia will pay for the estimated \$5 billion destruction of its aging stockpile.

"It's very well understood that the major share would come from our own budget," said Sergei Batsanov, a member of the Russian delegation — but added that Russia was looking for help

from other nations.

He said other countries have pledged up to \$150 million to help Russia destroy its arsenal as required under the treaty. Out of that amount, \$100 million will come from the United States.

Already, 105 countries have ratified the treaty, including the United States and all four other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

Convention director Jose Mauricio Bustani opened Monday's meeting with a declaration that efforts to rid the world

of deadly chemical weaponry have gotten off to a "sound start," but adding that the success of the convention depends heavily on its verification program.

Since the treaty took effect, 115 initial inspections have been conducted in 21 member states, including the United States.

Despite the convention's initial successes, a number of countries that have or once had chemical weapons still have not signed the treaty, said Ralph Earle II, the U.S. representative.

He cited Iraq, Syria, Libya and

North Korea, warning that these countries must be brought into the convention.

The meeting is taking place at a time of international crisis over U.N. inspections of Iraq's programs for chemical weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

Treaty overseers have tried to discuss the chemical weapons ban with Iraq, but "there has been no progress," said Anil Wadhwa, spokesman for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Online industry helping parents to keep Internet smut at bay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The online industry, hoping to keep government intervention at bay, promised Monday to do more to help parents keep Internet smut away from their kids.

Building on pledges made to President Clinton in July, industry groups at a three-day meeting discussed how to educate parents about anti-smut screening and how to highlight Internet sites that are clean enough for kids.

Still, "Technology is not a replacement for good parenting,"

said America Online Chairman Steve Case. "I think technology is a supplement that gives parents the tools to make the choices that they think are appropriate."

"I hope it works," Clinton said Monday of the industry's efforts. "I encouraged them to do it, and I'm glad they're doing it. I wish them well."

The Center for Democracy and Technology, a group that works to protect computer users' civil liberties, says all major providers of Internet access to consumers

offer screening technology free or at a nominal cost. Those providers, serving 14 million households, include AOL, AT&T WorldNet, CompuServe, Prodigy and Erol's.

But a survey of 750 families by the monthly Family PC magazine found that only 26 percent use screening software, most of them because it is built in to their web browsers or offered by their online service providers.

Just 4 percent of parents use screening software when they

buy and install it on their computers, the magazine survey said.

America Online, the Walt Disney Co.'s online service, Time Warner, MCI and the Children's Partnership, a child advocacy group, are among the organizations announcing new initiatives that include educating parents on the use of software that blocks access to adult-oriented sites.

The Center for Democracy and Technology, meanwhile, has commitments from online and software companies to help par-

ents choose screening software that best suits their needs and values, deputy director Danny Weitzner said, though he wasn't sure how that would be accomplished.

A group that includes including Yahoo! Inc. and WebTV is promoting a new Web site, smartparent.com, that seeks to help parents educate themselves and their children about the dangerous side of the Net. Time Warner also said it will take steps to teach kids about online safety.

Travel plans made easier by hotlines

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Officials with the Illinois State Police and the state Department of Transportation advise letting your fingers do some walking before driving on hazardous winter roads.

Each of the state police's 21 districts has a designated number in operation until the end of March to provide prerecorded

information on weather conditions in the area. The cold weather "hot lines" are updated at least four times a day and provide information about the weather and how it is affecting roads.

"Any information that could be significant and could assist motorists will be on the hot line," said State Police Master Sgt. Don Murphy.

"Anything from road closures to the type of surface, such as extremely slippery or snow packed." The Illinois Department of Transportation also has a road conditions line at (800) 452-4368.

That system, which is operated year-round, is updated every two hours when there is a winter storm in progress, said IDOT spokeswoman Martha Schiebel.

Neo-Nazi material banned

BONN, Germany (AP) — Anyone looking for pornographic or neo-Nazi material on the Internet doesn't have to spend hours surfing the Web. The German government is publishing its own list.

Germany's new multimedia law, which took effect in August, requires the Federal Youth Protection Agency to compile a list of World Wide Web sites it believes can endanger young people.

The government told Parliament on Monday that it had 57 sites on the list so far.

Under the new law, anyone propagating neo-Nazi material over the Internet in Germany can be sentenced to up to five years in prison.

Critics, however, doubt whether the law can be enforced, since as a rule such Web pages are stored on computers outside Germany.

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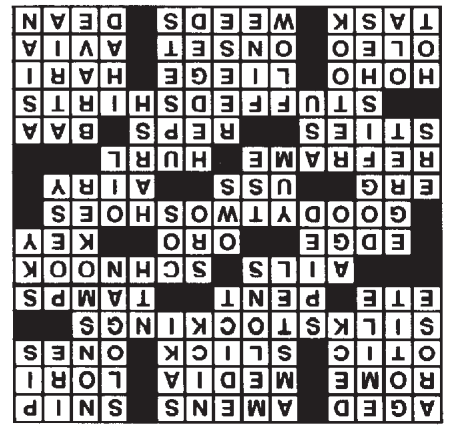
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Woodson wins Walter Cup, wants more

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — As Charles Woodson hoisted the Walter Camp Award on Monday honoring the nation's top college football player, Michigan's two-way standout hoped his campaign for the Heisman Trophy got a lift. In its 31 years, the Camp award has been a barometer to Heisman voting in a fashion similar to the way New Hampshire's primaries have foreshadowed outcomes of presidential elections. Only five times has the Camp award gone to a player who did not win the Heisman, the last time in 1990 when Notre Dame's Raghib "Rocket" Ismail won the Camp and Brigham Young quar-

terback Ty Detmer won the Heisman. "If the Heisman doesn't come around, it doesn't," Woodson said. "I'll still be happy." Michigan coach Lloyd Carr also won an award Monday. For guiding the No. 1 Wolverines (11-0) to Rose Bowl and the brink of their first national title since 1948, Carr won Walter Camp Football Foundation honors as this season's top college coach. The awards — named after the former coach at Yale and Stanford in the late 1800s — are chosen by the coaches and sports information directors from Division I-A schools. Woodson and Carr will

formally receive the awards at a banquet at Yale in February. "As is the case with any award, it's due to the efforts and dedication of a lot of people," Carr said Monday, crediting his assistants and players. "No coach could ask for the kind of group of young people who have played here with such spirit and enthusiasm that would have made Walter Camp happy." Woodson joined former Pittsburgh star Hugh Green as the only defensive players to win the Camp award. Green won it in 1980, the year South Carolina halfback George Rogers won the Heisman.

Though no defender has won the Heisman, Woodson is the co-favorite with Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning. "In a year when no one has stepped forward, Woodson deserves the Heisman," said Mel Kiper, an NFL draft analyst for ESPN. "He hasn't had any bad games, he's made a difference on both sides of the ball, and he's elevated Michigan's defense to one of the best in college history. "The Heisman's for the MVP on their team, and Charles has made the difference for Michigan." Woodson has seven interceptions, 11 receptions and four

touchdowns this season. In the Michigan's season-ending victory over Ohio State, Woodson caught a 37-yard pass to set up Michigan's first touchdown, returned a punt 78 yards for another score and thwarted a Buckeyes rally with an interception in the end zone. All Woodson can do now about the Heisman is wait until Dec. 13, when the award is announced. "I think the play on the field is the only thing that's going to move me toward the Heisman," said Woodson, who will decide after the Rose Bowl whether he will forego his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

Duke takes over top spot in basketball polls

Duke jumped to No. 1 in the AP's college basketball poll Monday, something that hasn't happened since January 1994, but certainly isn't unusual. The Blue Devils (5-0) are one of seven Atlantic Coast Conference schools in the Top 25, something that has happened only once before since the poll started during the 1948-49 season. The Big Ten had seven teams ranked in the Jan. 11, 1993 poll with Michigan the highest ranked team at No. 2. Duke moved to the top of the current poll by jumping over Kansas after an impressive run through the Maui Invitational that included an impressive win over then-No. 1 Arizona. The Blue Devils received 31 first-place votes and 1,695

from the national media panel, while Kansas (6-0), which won the Preseason NIT, had 28 No. 1 votes and 1,678 points. "It's always an honor to be ranked No. 1 in the country. We gladly accept the ranking and understand all of the hoopla around it," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who had his team reach the top spot in four of the last seven seasons. "We've been fortunate to win some games early and we have played well, but to be honest, I'm not sure we are the best team in the country." There's little doubt the ACC is the best league, with all but two of its members ranked. "In talking to the coaches at the preseason media outing, everyone felt this was as strong as our league has been for

quite some time," Krzyzewski said. "Thus far, it's proven to be true." North Carolina (6-0) moved up one spot to fourth after winning the Great Alaska Shootout and received 11 first-place votes and was only 21 points behind the Jayhawks. The other ACC schools were No. 17 Clemson, No. 19 Florida State, No. 22 Georgia Tech, No. 23 Maryland and No. 24 Wake Forest. "Our league is incredible," said Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins whose team was a consensus pick to finish last in the ACC but quickly changed people's minds by winning the Puerto Rico Shootout with wins over Illinois, St. John's and then-No. 19 Louisville.

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while the opposition only had 55 for 416 yards. Maybe Spoo can take the \$10,000 from the three-quarter court shot contest at home basketball games to pay off the officials. After all, nobody is ever going to win the money because the athletic department is good at picking people for the contest who they know have an even lesser chance of making it than Lerner converting on a chip shot field goal. And trust me, there aren't many of those people out there. ■ Another Tennessee school to drop all its scholarships. Spoo hit the jackpot when he

picked up seniors in defensive tackle Amaziah Smith and linebackers Dave Thomas and Thomas Williams from Austin Peay. Williams finished out the season with 149 tackles to lead the Ohio Valley Conference and that number is the fourth highest single season total in Eastern history. Thomas and Smith also proved to be dominant forces for the defense, and now Spoo has to try to replace the former Governor trio. He might want to keep an eye on the status of scholarships at Tennessee-Martin.

NBA players enjoy day of relaxation

For the most part, the NBA began December with a day of rest. Everybody deserved the breather. From Scottie Pippen's trade demand to Isiah Thomas' career change to injuries sidelining Shaquille O'Neal and Hakeem Olajuwon to the furor over sagging uniform shorts, the first month of the season brought all sorts of unrest. And now, December is starting a little wacky, too. The only game on the schedule Monday night was the tied-for-first-place New Jersey Nets vs. the tied-for-first-

place Utah Jazz. "It's the first time since I've been here that we've been in first place," said Nets forward Jayson Williams, in his sixth season with the team. "We need some more commercials and billboards. It's great right now. This is too good to be true." Imagine, the Nets playing the Jazz with the winner getting undisputed possession of first place in its respective division. Who would have predicted that? Weren't the Jazz supposed to falter a little more without John Stockton? Shouldn't the Spurs be miles

ahead of them by now? And where did the Nets come from anyway, especially without a single minute from No. 2 overall pick Keith Van Horn? Just a month ago, everyone had them figured wrong, too. Back then, Charles Barkley was throwing folks through plate-glass windows and Shaq was so eager he was Osterslapping an opposing center. Now, Barkley is showing he has a few 43-point nights left in his 34-year-old, free-agent-to-be body and O'Neal is consulting with a surgeon about his abdominal injury.

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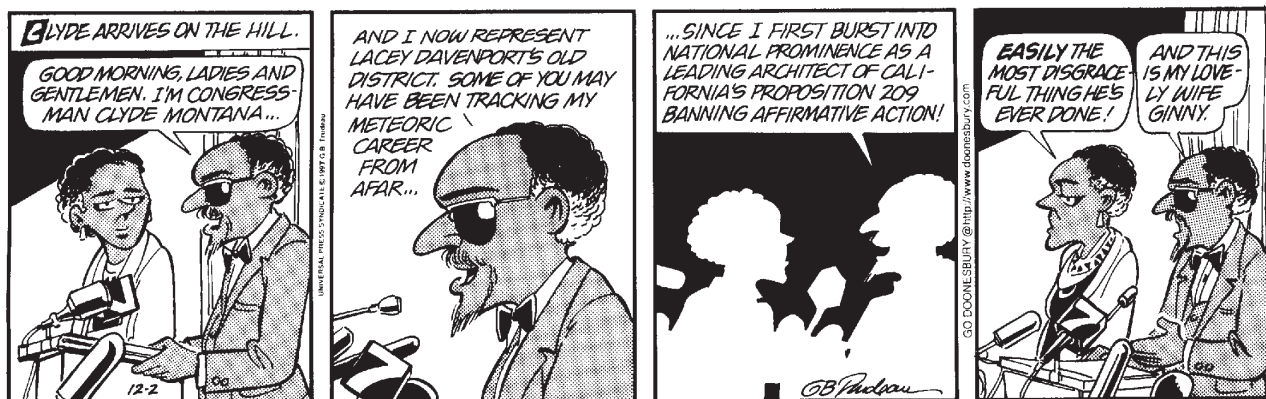
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Spellman rejoins Bears before suspension up

CHICAGO (AP) — Alonzo Spellman rejoined the Chicago Bears for practice Monday, insisting he was right to refuse exploratory surgery on his left shoulder, a move that prompted the team to suspend him for three games.

Spellman also acknowledged that the NFL has separately suspended him for failing to take a random steroids test. He called it a "total misunderstanding," and said he has since taken the test and is appealing the suspension.

"I don't understand how it got public, that remains to be seen,"

said Spellman, who is allowed to play while appealing the league suspension.

"I wasn't allowed to be around the (practice) facility, obviously, because I was suspended. I made a call to my lawyer and he checked on it. I called the guy, set up the test, took the test and that was it. In the meantime, I got a notice saying I was suspended," he said.

Spellman said he has never used steroids and expects the league situation to be resolved.

The Bears suspended him Nov. 5 when he refused to have arthro-

scopic surgery on his shoulder after other treatments failed to get him back on the field.

The team suspension was lifted last week when Spellman presented a medical report clearing him to play. He never had the surgery.

Spellman hasn't played since the fourth game of the season.

He'll see action Sunday against Buffalo but won't start.

"I always knew I was doing the right things for myself," he said.

"I exhausted every option I had in looking at my body and making sure it was right. I did all the different rehabs you can do to get

your muscles back strong and get the joint back healthy again." Spellman said he had hurt the shoulder before — the injury was initially diagnosed as a rotator cuff strain — but this time he injured the muscle more than the joint.

"There was a whole lot of pain. The strain was nowhere near as minor as everyone would like to say it was. If it was, I'd have been back in three or four weeks." Spellman admitted the team suspension was tough to handle.

"It was just a disappointment that it happened. That's the thing I

can't dwell on right now. I felt like I could never get hurt. That's what was so hard, that's why it was so devastating to me mentally. When it happens, you got to bounce back and keep going and that's what I did." The Bears and Spellman are still awaiting an arbitrator's ruling on whether Spellman should be paid for the three games he was suspended. He could lose \$335,295 from those missed paychecks.

Spellman, in the second-year of an \$11.6 million contract, said he doesn't know what's in his future after the season ends.

Jackson says Bulls over shock of Pippen's plea

DEERFIELD (AP) — Phil Jackson and Michael Jordan say they feel betrayed by Scottie Pippen, who has said he'll never again play for the Chicago Bulls.

Jackson said Monday that the Bulls have recovered from the initial shock of Pippen's public trade demand last week. But the coach also said there might be lingering resentment even if the All-Star forward changes his mind and returns to the team he helped win five NBA titles.

"It's all right to hold it against Scottie," Jackson said.

"We care about Scottie, but we're going to hold this against Scottie because he's walking out on us, there's no doubt about that.

"Some things are personal and some things are public. Publicly, we like Scottie, but personally there's always going to be a ... residual effect of having gone to bat for Scottie."

Jordan didn't talk to reporters Monday but said after Saturday's game that he was "disappointed, very disappointed, that (Pippen) hasn't been able to put aside his

dealings with management."

Pippen claims that general manager Jerry Krause and owner Jerry Reinsdorf have disrespected him by dangling him as trade bait, most recently last June, and by paying him only about \$2.7 million this season under terms of a contract extension he signed in 1991.

Considered one of the NBA's 50 greatest players ever, Pippen is ranked 122nd on this year's salary list.

Pippen, who hasn't played this season after undergoing foot surgery, is expected to be healthy in two to four weeks but has said he won't wear a Bulls uniform again.

Jackson and Jordan said they might not have returned this season had Pippen expressed his unhappiness during the summer.

"There is that kind of feeling: 'Hey, we came back to do this job together and Scottie ducked out the door,'" Jackson said.

Said Jordan: "It would have made a big difference in terms of me and Phil and a lot of other players. I'm pretty sure management would have changed the whole" struc-

ture of the team.

Jackson said Jordan probably wouldn't have come out of retirement in 1995 had Pippen not urged him to do so.

"I don't think Michael forgets the fact that when Scottie was here alone in '94 and '95, that he was ... saying, 'Come on back, come on back, Michael, and help me out with this load,'" Jackson said. "So I'm sure Michael's going to get back at Scottie, hold his feet to the fire."

Jordan already has said that he'll retire for good if Jackson leaves as planned after the season. The Pippen situation merely reinforces that feeling, but Jordan said he won't let it "ruin my last year.

"I'm going to enjoy the game and go out with a smile instead of sadness. I've always dreamed it to be that way, and I'm not going to forget that," Jordan said. "I'm not going to jump off the ship now, in the middle of the season. If the ship's going to go down, I'm certainly going to be on it when it goes down."

The Bulls were 72-10 two years ago and 69-13 last season — the best records in NBA history.

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Who would have thought that a Division III transfer would challenge this kind of record?

"I never thought about those type of things. You don't go out and try to break records.

"You just let things take care of themselves," Simpson said.

Before he came to Eastern, Simpson was a standout quarterback at Division III Eureka College.

He transferred after his sophomore season and has not missed a beat.

"There is a big difference in a lot of things like in the speed and size of people and the knowledge of the game," Simpson said.

"There was a little bit of an adjustment period for me."

In Simpson's sophomore season at Eureka he completed 74 percent of his passes.

Maintaining such a high completion percentage is a huge

“I think he's got an arm, but it depends on the team and the system and what they are looking for.”

—Bob Spoo,
Panther football coach

accomplishment for Simpson.

It shows that the step up from a Division III school has not affected him at all.

The level of competition has gone up, but Simpson's numbers have not dropped.

Simpson said he would like to advance to the next level, whether it be the pros or the Canadian Football League.

"I think he's got an arm, but it depends on the team and the system and what they are looking for," Spoo said.

Disabled golfer stirs controversy

By the Associated Press

A preliminary injunction allowing a disabled golfer to use a riding cart in this week's PGA Tour qualifying school has set up a legal battle that will determine if walking is part of the challenge of golf.

Riding carts are banned in all PGA Tour and Nike Tour events and in the grueling 108-hole, six-day final round of qualifying school that starts Wednesday in Haines City, Fla.

Casey Martin, a member of Stanford University's 1994 NCAA champion team who has a progressively worsening muscle and bone condition in his right leg that causes pain when he walks, won an injunction to use a cart this week.

PGA Tour rules allowed carts in the first two rounds of qualifying school to expedite play but bans them in the final stage to simulate regular tour conditions.

"To the best of my knowledge,

no court has ruled on the right of a sport to set physical requirements to participate," Jacquelyn Romm, a lawyer for Martin, said Monday from her Eugene, Ore., office.

If Martin, 25, finishes in the top 35 at qualifying school he will be eligible to play on the PGA Tour next year.

By being one of the 160 finalists, Martin is already eligible to play on the Nike Tour in 1998.

Since both the PGA Tour and the Nike Tour do not allow competitors to use carts, the case appears headed for a hearing no matter how Martin fares at qualifying school.

Romm argued successfully that a change in the PGA Tour rule this year banning riding carts in the final qualifying round violates the Americans With Disabilities Act.

U.S. Magistrate Tom Coffin issued an injunction Friday ordering the PGA Tour to accommodate

Martin's physical condition.

"Walking always has been an integral aspect of the competition on the PGA Tour and Nike Tour," said a statement released Monday by the office of PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem.

"Mr. Martin has challenged the PGA Tour's right to determine the conditions of our competition, including requiring all players to walk," the statement said.

"The PGA Tour believes that, when a hearing is held on the merits of this matter before the Federal Court in Oregon, our position will be supported."

Romm said it was her impression Coffin would set an immediate hearing date if Martin wins his tour card, at which point the question of whether walking is part of the challenge of golf will be a significant point of contention.

"Their argument is that walking is part of the professional skills," Romm said.

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Skyhawks not expected to soar this season

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By MATT WILSON
Associate sports editor

Under the leadership of seven-year head coach Cal Luther, the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks hope to show they are better than the ninth place prediction they got in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason polls.

Luther was the head coach at Murray State from 1958-1974 before moving to Longwood College from 1981-1990. He was then named the head coach of the Skyhawks in March of 1991.

Luther led Murray State to three OVC titles and two NCAA tournament appearances and was named the OVC Coach of the Year in 1995-1996 after leading Tennessee-Martin to a 9-7 conference record.

Luther will have his hands full this year, as junior forward Joe Crumby is the only returner who

 Head coach Cal Luther	Tennessee-Martin University
	1996-97: 11-16 overall, 8-10 OVC
	1997-98 prediction: Ninth place in the OVC

played more than 20 minutes a game last year. There are also nine newcomers on the team.

Crumby started 24 games last year and was second on the team with 11.9 points per game and third on the team in rebounding

with 4.3 rebounds per game.

Crumby also ranked third in the OVC with a field goal percentage of 55 percent and was ninth in the league with a 70 percent free throw percentage.

The other starter returning from last year's team is senior forward/center Oswago "Hamp" Harper who missed the entire 1995-96 season with a stress fracture. Last year he played in 27 games and averaged 3.8 points per game and 1.8 rebounds.

One person who came on strong at the end of last year and

should have a starting spot this year is junior forward/center Ryan DeMicheal. He was fourth on the team with 8.1 points per game and third on the team with 4.6 rebounds each contest.

DeMicheal led the team with 10.21 blocks last year.

The Skyhawks open up their conference season on Thursday when they host Morehead State. Tennessee-Martin won its final four conference games by an average of 22 points last year and won six of nine conference games at Skyhawk Arena.

With new head coach, Morehead in rebuilding year


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Under the guidance of new head coach Kyle Macy, the Morehead State Eagles are predicted to finish 10th in the OVC this season.

"Our goal for this season will be most different from other programs," Macy said. "We are in a rebuilding process so we are not overly concerned about the number of victories we get. We hope to develop a mental toughness and a winning attitude and hope to find out what it takes to be a better team."

The 10th prediction does not mean that much to Macy.

 Head coach Kyle Macy	Morehead State University
	1996-97: 8-19, 6-12 OVC
	1997-98 prediction: Tenth place in the OVC

"We still have to go out and play every game and maybe we can use that for motivation," he said. "We are basically starting a new program and I hope we can continue to recruit players and get them into our system."

Morehead State has lost all four of its games so far this season.

They have road losses to Kentucky, Evansville and Cincinnati and lost at home to Robert Morris.

Even though Morehead is in a rebuilding process, the Eagles still have seven letter-

men returning to the squad this year. Leading the Eagle charge will be senior forward Chris Stone, who was second on the team with 10.9 points per game and led the team with an average of 8.7 rebounds per game last year.

Stone also ranked fourth in the OVC in rebounding and in field goal percentage, shooting 54 percent from the field.

To help out Stone will be junior center/forward Luke Lloyd, who was third on the team with 10.7 points per game and second on the team with 7.3 rebounds a game last year.

He led the team in blocks with 48, which placed him in second place in the OVC.

The final starter returning to the team this year will be junior guard Ted Docks.

He averaged 4.4 points per game and 3.2 rebounds per game last year.

Macy has brought to Morehead one of the best recruiting classes in school history.

This class is led by guard Brandon Davenport, who was chosen as Kentucky's Mr. Basketball last year.

The last Mr. Basketball to sign with Morehead was Sonny Allen in 1946.

One of the big things the Eagles did last year was shoot three pointers.

They set a school record with 257 three-pointers made and an OVC record with 788 attempts from beyond the arc.

Morehead was ranked number four nationally with 9.5 three-pointers per game last year.

The Eagles start their conference season on Thursday when they travel to Tennessee-Martin. After this game, they have another conference road game on Saturday against Murray State.

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said. "It obviously worked." Eastern won with a score of 10-15, 17-15, 8-15, 15-5 and 15-9

The Lady Panthers next faced off against Southeast Missouri State, the conference champs, and were fearless despite a five-game losing skid to SEMO, including a loss in the championship round of last year's OVC Tournament. Eastern glided to a 3-1 victory and made its third straight appearance to the championship round.

Sommer recorded another double-double with her 20 kill, 22 dig performance while senior outside hitter Lindsey Celba, freshman outside hitter Kim Blackwell and sophomore outside hitter Meleah Cutler joined Sommer with double-double performances.

The Lady Panthers glided to a 15-12, 16-14, 9-15, 15-5 victory and a chance for the conference championship. They were riding on a hot six-match winning streak coming into the final match.

Eastern faced second seed Tennessee Tech in the finals, falling in four games 15-6, 10-15, 8-15 and 6-15. Top hitters included Sommer and Celba with 10 and 14 kills respectively, and seven players saw time in all four games.

"(The tournament) was a test at how good our team really was," Sommer said. "We showed

that (our pre-season ranking) was no fluke."

Sommer and Austin were named to the All-Tournament Team with Sommer making the First Team All-OVC. Celba earned Honorable Mention All-OVC, giving Eastern a tie for the most players to the tournament team.

"I was surprised," Austin said about making the tournament team.

She recorded a team high 27 kills, two assists, and team highs in blocks (7) and hitting percentage (.489) in Eastern's semifinal win over SEMO.

Eastern had a productive regular season, winning the Wright State Nike Challenge and finishing in the championship round of the DePaul Invitational. The team played well on the road, going 10-4 and set a record for most fifth-game matches in a regular season with 11. The Lady Panthers won four of those 11 five-game matches, winning the last three in a row in the regular season.

"It was a really great season," Sommer said.

The Lady Panthers had many players among the OVC's best. Sommer was named the Offensive Player of the Week for the weeks of Sept. 8th and 15th, while Shrader was named to the Defensive Player of the Week list for the weeks of Sept. 15 and Nov. 10th. Celba was awarded

the first Defensive Player of the Week honor for the opening week of Sept. 8 while Blackwell closed out the regular season by nabbing the Freshman of the Week award for the week of Nov. 17.

Sommer finished the season in sixth place for individual hitting percentage with a .289 average off of 448 total kills, fourth most in the OVC. She also finished in sixth place for kills per game with 3.61 and seventh in blocks per game with .90.

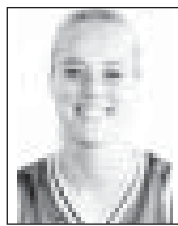
Celba finished sixth in digs per game with her 3.8 average and senior setter Kara Harper grabbed second place in service aces with 53 on the year.

Shrader finished her career as the all-time block assist leader and total block leader with her 132 season block performance. Harper ended up as Eastern's all-time assist leader and service ace leader. She finished her career with 5,339 total assists.

Sommer became Eastern's all-time kill leader and placed in Eastern's top 10 in kill attempts (second), digs (fourth), service aces (eighth), hitting percentage (fifth), block assists (second), total blocks (fourth) and matches played (third).

Lastly, Celba grabbed spots in Eastern's top 10 for kills, attempts, digs, blocks and matches played. She moved into third place for all-time digs and was one of six members to join the 1,000 kill, 1,000 dig club.

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Leah Aldrich

aggressiveness and stamina wasn't where she wanted it to be to really compete."

Coming out of Anoka High School in Andover, Minn., the 6-foot-4-inch Aldrich came to Eastern with high expectations as an Honorable Mention All-State player in high school.

But for the Aldrich, the numbers told the story. She totalled 2.68 points per game and 2.4 rebounds, leagues below her attainable goal of 16 points and 10 rebounds which she aspires to this season.

"She has improved each game, and will only get better," Klein said. "A lot of this will come with experience, and this year she is getting that experience."

This season Aldrich has started all five games, five more than last year, and has averaged 24 minutes a game, good for third best on the team.

"I'm pleased with the way I've been playing and I feel I can do better," Aldrich said.

Through five games she has averaged 9.2 points per game and seven rebounds, but Klein said he believes her size is her biggest asset and will really determine her success in conference play.

"The OVC doesn't put a lot of big centers out there and she's

"She has improved each game, and will only get better. A lot of this will come with experience, and this year she is getting that experience."

-John Klein, women's basketball coach

used to playing big. She comes from a big high school outside of Minneapolis and this will help her in conference play," Klein said.

Aldrich also said she sees the advantage of beginning conference play. "We've been playing some big-name teams and once we hit our conference games, we'll have better scouting reports and will be able to make pre-game adjustments," she said.

The Lady Panthers were picked to finish fifth in the OVC this year, but Aldrich said she sees things differently.

"I think we can win conference," Aldrich said. "We have the talent and with that first win of the season we're over the hump and have the confidence that was missing in our losses."

In terms of improvement, Aldrich said focusing can sometimes be problematic.

"I'm a bit absent-minded and sometimes I have trouble taking one game at a time," she said. "I just need to concentrate more."

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Some things Spoo needs for holidays

With the holiday shopping season upon us, many Eastern coaches could put things on their wish list to help their team out.

For example, men's basketball coach Rick Samuels might want to ask his secret Santa for a win against a Division I institution. And women's basketball coach John Klein needs a solid scoring threat other than senior forward Barbora Garbova.

A new van for head coach Jim Schmitz would be helpful so that the baseball team can make it to the games without the assistance of a tow truck, as was the case on more than one occasion last season.

For men's and women's tennis assistant Andre Herke, a head coach would be nice.

But no coach is in more need than football coach Bob Spoo.

With the 49-7 loss to Eastern Kentucky, Spoo lost 18 seniors and now has to fill those spots, along with other areas that the team had already been lacking in all season long.

Here's just a few things Spoo might want to ask Santa for:

■ A new place kicker.

Sophomore Chad Larner proved that last year was no fluke - he really is as bad as his first season indicated. After going 3-for-13 on field goals last year, Larner hit on 7-of-15 attempts this season. Not too bad, but from 30 yards and beyond, he was only 2-of-7.

All season he was a huge liability for the Panther offense.

On many occasions, instead of kicking a field goal in the 35-yard range, Spoo would be forced to go for it on fourth down because the men's soccer team would have a better chance of winning a game than Larner connecting from beyond 30 yards.

It looks like next year freshman place kicker Billy Schuld will have an opportunity to pick up the slack.

Granted though, that's a lot of slack for a rookie.

■ Money to pay off the refs.

At times during the past season, it seemed as though this could be the only solution to one of the Panthers' most serious problems, penalties.

On the season, Eastern had 113 infractions for 890 yards

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Spikers season ends with a flurry



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Senior middle hitter Lorri Sommer goes to dig a ball in a Lady Panther game this past season. Eastern finished the season 21-14 and ended up in second place in the conference tournament.

Eastern one game short of NCAA's

By JASON COLET
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After a mediocre mid-season performance, the Lady Panther volleyball team succeeded to a championship appearance in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament to end the 1997 season.

Eastern finished 19-13 in the regular season and 11-7 in the OVC, good for fifth place, and 21-14 overall. They used momentum from a 9-3 season finish to carry them to the championship round of the OVC Tournament.

The Lady Panthers rounded out the 1996 year with a 13-5 conference record and with a pre-season glimpse, were picked as the number one seed for the 1997 year in the OVC.

Eastern also became ranked nationally as they grabbed the eighth spot in the District VI for the early part of the regular season.

"Being ranked was great,"

senior middle hitter Lorri Sommer said.

Despite a strong 7-2 season start, the Lady Panthers dropped a handful of matches to stay a game or two above .500 for the majority of the season. With a renewed effort and the team's pride on the line, the Lady Panthers won the last four matches of the season where they upped the wins to 19 and came out as the second place team in the OVC tourney.

Sommer said she was proud of the team's efforts for the season finale.

"Everyone played great. It was a total team effort," she said. "(We did) better than anyone expected."

After jumping from sixth place to fifth in the last two matches, Eastern was placed against the fourth-seeded Austin Peay Lady Governors.

The Lady Panthers had not beaten Austin Peay in two tries in the regular season and had not even scored in double digits against Peay in the two shutouts. The Lady Panthers found a game plan that worked as they hurdled over Austin Peay 3-2.

"We practiced how they played ... and tried to play their game," junior middle hitter Sherry Austin

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Panther play caller shatters OVC record

By KYLE BAUER
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Even though Panther senior quarterback Mike Simpson was knocked out of his last game early, his season still ended on a high note. Simpson broke the 47-year old single-season completion record for Division I-AA quarterbacks.

"That is truly an accomplishment in this day and age. It is certainly a record to be appreciated," said head coach Bob Spoo.

The record was set in 1950 by Morehead State's Charles Porter, who completed 66.2 percent of his passes.

Simpson finished yet another great season this year with a completion percentage

of 68.3, completing 168 of his 246 passes. His overall quarterback rating for the season was 144.6, throwing for 13 touchdowns and only eight interceptions.

Of the eight interceptions this season, two of them came in the opening-game blowout loss to Western Illinois.

Since then, Simpson has been able to settle down and maintain a level of consistency that has lasted throughout the season.

All year, Simpson has been battling Eastern Kentucky senior quarterback Simon Fuentes as the top passer in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Only in the last few weeks of the season did Fuentes snatch the top spot from him.

"I'm sure that he would rather have had a

win in his last game, but he played well throughout the whole season," Spoo said.

In addition to the single-season record, Simpson also shattered the career completion percentage record held by Middle Tennessee's Mickey Crowin from 1983-84, who completed 59.5 percent of his passes.

This season, Simpson threw 247 passes and completed 163, for a completion percentage of 66 percent.

In his career at Eastern, Simpson has completed 331 of the 493 passes that he attempted. Simpson's career completion percentage now stands at 67 percent.

A few years ago this record was unthinkable for Simpson.

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Aldrich showing her presence early in year

Lady Panther center shows big turnaround

By JASON CANGE
Staff writer

So far this season, Lady Panther sophomore center Leah Aldrich has made a 180-degree turnaround.

Last year she was unable to meet expectations, due to the mid-season illness which hampered her the duration of her freshman season.

In Aldrich's second year on the team, she appears ready to take the Ohio Valley Conference by storm.

"Leah has the ability to become a dominant center in the OVC," said head coach John Klein.

Aldrich opened the season in what she considers her best perfor-

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coach

mance through five games. She scored 24 points while grabbing 14 rebounds against a visiting Lithuanian team.

"That was definitely my best game thus far, but I'm capable of doing it again," Aldrich said.

Although playing in 25 of last year's 27 games, Aldrich only averaged 9.8 minutes a game and never managed to overcome her illness.

"The mono really held her back," Klein said. "She wasn't playing at game strength and her

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Pumping iron

Courtney Crawley, a sophomore middle level education major, works out in the Student Recreation center Monday afternoon. She works out four days a week for two hours.