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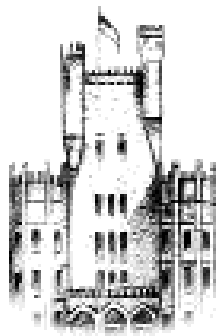
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Presidential search delayed

Jason Langenbahn
Administration Editor

The presidential search will be delayed for one year as Lou Hencken receives a contract extension the Board of Trustees decided Tuesday.

The BOT also made a deal with a vendor promising to save Eastern money.

The Board of Trustees voted Monday morning to renew Interim President Lou Hencken's contract to span two years.



Lou Hencken

The contract begins on July 1, 2002, and runs until June 30, 2004. The search for a new Eastern president will resume in 2003.

"I'm very pleased with the terms of my new contract," said Hencken.

"I look forward to working with the university and to continue to move the university to further heights," he said.

Hencken has served as interim president since Carol Surles' resignation in the summer of 2001. Hencken said since filling the position, he has implemented several money saving tactics into the university's agenda.

"One big change to save money was to not send grades out in the mail and with online registration the phone lines are not as tied up," he said.

Other changes included the closing of Pemberton dining hall which Hencken said costed three times as much as the other dining facilities to operate and turning the campus thermostat down during the unseasonably warm winter.

"The heat was turned down to 68 degrees in the winter," Hencken said.

In other business, a recommendation for a copier contract, which would save money on supplies, parts and maintenance on copy machine expenditures, was passed.

The BOT approved a \$325,000 contract with Watts Copy Systems of Springfield, Illinois which will begin on July 1 and continue until June 30, 2006.

"Contracts with food vendors has given us very reliable delivery service. A new copier contract with Watts copy systems will let the university lease their copiers with Watts doing all the maintenance and supplying toner and repair parts," Hencken said.

In other business, the BOT approved the Fiscal year 2004 budget recommendations which total just over \$71 million. The next step is for the budget requests to be

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Photo by Geoff Wagner/Photo editor

Rained out

Two workers for the grounds department wait patiently for the rain to clear before resuming their work. Several heavy thunderstorms rolled through Charleston Tues. afternoon causing flooding in many areas of the campus.

Blood drive at Newman today

By Erica Foltz
News Editor

Newman Catholic Center is doing their part to help aid the American Red Cross in trying to increase the supply of blood in the United States.

The Newman Catholic Center will be sponsoring a blood drive

today to be held in the Newman Center from 1pm-5pm.

There is currently a demand for blood; 20 percent greater than the actual supply of blood. Not only has the demand for blood increased, but the amount of blood being donated has decreased causing the blood supply to be placed in a threatening position.

"The minimum level of blood and platelets on hand to assure adequate availability is a three-day supply. Currently there is less than a one-day supply of both O negative and A negative blood," according to a news release from the American Red Cross.

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McNamara immortalized through memorials

By Erica Foltz
News Editor

With a year passed since the tragic death of Shannon McNamara, many positive things have been done to keep her memory alive.

In McNamara's hometown of Rolling Meadows, a memorial will be constructed in Kimball Hill Park.

The memorial is slated to contain a 15 to 20-square foot area of inscribed brick along with a plaque, a bench, and one or possibly, two trees that will be planted near the bench. The area of the park in which the memorial will be constructed is a place where McNamara often liked to run.

While no official date for the completion of the memorial has been set, Shannon Klemp of the park district in Rolling Meadows said that the memorial will "hopefully be done by the end of July." Klemp also confirmed that some materials have been ordered, including the plaque and bricks.

The bricks that will be included in the memorial can be bought for a \$50 donation and inscribed up to two lines with up to 12 characters each, according to John Scharringhausen, a friend of the McNamara family.

The donations from the bricks will cover construction expenses and will disperse into either the Shannon McNamara Scholarship Fund or the Girls Fight Back organization.

The Girls Fight Back organization was started in honor of McNamara by Erin Weed, president of the Alpha Phi sorority the year McNamara was a pledge.

Weed commented in a previous article that "she was influenced to start the self-defense program 'Girls Fight Back' because it made her mad that her girls were feeling unsafe."

Weed held a program for Girls Fight Back on Oct. 24, where more than 200 women showed up to learn self-defense and precautionary actions to use in order to avoid dangerous situations.

McNamara's memory has also been honored by the physical education department through the newly created Shannon McNamara Outstanding Physical Education Award.

The first award was given to Andrea Shae Minott, a physical education graduate student. Minott received a plaque and a \$200 gift for being chosen for the award. Minott was a close friend of McNamara's and was selected for the way she represented what McNamara stood for.

Dr. Phoebe Church, chair of the physical

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Submitted Photo

Andrea Minott (right), receives the first Shannon McNamara Outstanding Physical Education Award from Phoebe Church, chair of the physical education department.

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Champaign woman pleads guilty in killing of 45-year-old man

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A Champaign woman has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the death last year of a Danville man, whose nude body was found wrapped in sheets and blankets in a drainage ditch in Champaign.

Misty Moreman Blandin, 26, is expected to be sentenced in July for the April 2001 killing of 45-year-old Danny Nelson, who was beaten, choked and slashed with a butcher knife. Blandin faces 20 to 60 years in prison.

In exchange for Blandin's plea on Monday, charges of armed robbery and concealment of a homici-

dal death were dismissed.

Three others also were charged in the killing. Blandin's husband, Nathan Blandin, 23, was sentenced last week to 95 years in prison after his April conviction on charges of murder, armed robbery and concealment of a homicidal death.

Another co-defendant, Jamie Boyd, 22, of Springfield, was sentenced to 40 years after pleading guilty to murder and concealment in March.

The last defendant, Shurese Bailey, 27, also of Springfield, testified against Boyd and Nathan Blandin and is expected to plead

guilty.

Nelson bought cocaine regularly from Nathan Blandin, according to testimony at the trials of Nathan Blandin and Boyd. The four defendants first plotted to rob Nelson, but later decided to kill him, according to testimony.

In testifying about the attacks, Bailey said Nathan Blandin grabbed Nelson and held him while Boyd hit him in the head with an iron. Bailey said Boyd and Nathan Blandin then choked Nelson with an electrical cord before Boyd slashed his throat with a butcher knife.

Committee denies license for Grateful Dead show in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A county highway committee denied a permit to the promoters of a Grateful Dead reunion concert, saying the area could not handle the enormous crowd expected.

The Walworth County Highway Committee on Tuesday turned down the request by Clear Channel Entertainment to stage "Terrapin Station — A Grateful Dead Family

Reunion" Aug. 3-4 in East Troy.

"You can imagine the amount of humanity that's going to converge on little old East Troy in Walworth County," said committee chairman Odell R. Gigante. "We only have 80 some sheriff deputies. Short of bringing in the National Guard we just couldn't handle it."

The two-day concert would

have been the first time Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, Phil Lesh and Bob Weir staged a concert together since the death of Jerry Garcia, the Dead's leader and founder. Garcia died in 1995 of a heart attack.

Gigante said 200,000 were expected at event, but only 35,000 were allowed in the Alpine Valley Music Theatre.

U.S. vows to arrest more who plot terrorist actions against country

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday that Jose Padilla, the man arrested in an alleged plot to spread radioactive material across parts of America, is one of many "would-be killers" the United States has in custody. And there will be more, he promised.

"This guy Padilla's one of many who we've arrested," Bush said in a Cabinet Room meeting on his proposed overhaul of homeland security programs.

"The coalition we've put together has hauled in 2,400 people. And you can call it 2,401 now. There's just a full-scale manhunt on. ... We will run down every lead, every hint. This guy Padilla's a bad guy and he is where he needs to be, detained."

Bush spoke about Padilla the morning after his May 8 arrest was announced in Washington.

In Budapest, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday the indefinite imprisonment of Padilla, 31, is proper because of the seriousness of the threat.

"We believe that by his detention that we have significantly disrupted a potential plot to deploy a dirty bomb, an explosive device, in the United States," Ashcroft said.

Defending the decision to consider Padilla, also known as Abdullah al Muhajir, an enemy combatant, Ashcroft said the government has "very significant information" about Padilla's involvement "with al-Qaida in very serious terrorist plots."

The government, which on Monday revealed Padilla's arrest, described the move as a significant blow against an al-Qaida

plot to detonate a radiological weapon — known as a "dirty bomb" — inside the United States, possibly targeting Washington. Authorities described Padilla as a former gang member from Chicago who was raised Catholic but converted to Islam.

Officials said the plot got only as far as the planning stage and they said there was no indication Padilla had access to nuclear materials. Undersecretary of State John Bolton indicated Padilla was carrying plans for the attack when he was picked up in Chicago.

Already on the trail of an alleged plot to spread deadly radioactive material across parts of America, U.S. investigators in Pakistan watched Padilla, their key suspect, board a plane bound for Switzerland.

Padilla believed he was slipping away from Pakistani authorities who had detained him and at least two colleagues on immigration charges, a U.S. official said. Authorities suspected Padilla, a U.S. citizen, was headed to America to scout locations for possible bombings.

But Padilla, traveling from Pakistan via Zurich to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, was under continuous surveillance by U.S. agents on those flights, and the FBI was waiting to arrest him May 8 as his plane arrived at the gate.

Dirty bombs comprise traditional explosives combined with radioactive material. They would not create a nuclear explosion, but they could release small amounts of radioactive material over dozens of city blocks. Experts believe the

most devastating effect would be the ensuing panic and the difficulty sending rescue workers into the contaminated area.

In an unusual legal twist, the Justice Department handed over the Brooklyn-born Padilla to the Pentagon for indefinite imprisonment as an "enemy combatant." Government lawyers cited a 1942 Supreme Court ruling permitting such a transfer. Padilla had been held quietly for weeks in New York City, then was flown Monday aboard a military C-130 plane to a Navy brig in Charleston, S.C.

"We have acted with legal authority both under the laws of war and clear Supreme Court precedent, which establish that the military may detain a United States citizen who has joined the enemy and has entered our country to carry out hostile acts," Ashcroft said.

In a statement attributed to al-Qaida spokesman Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, the group said: "We have the right to fight (Americans) by chemical and biological weapons so that they catch the fatal and unusual diseases that Muslims have caught due to their chemical and biological weapons."

Ashcroft, who first disclosed the arrest in a television announcement from Moscow, said Padilla "trained with the enemy," studying how to wire explosives and researching radiological weapons. Ashcroft said Padilla met several times in 2001 with senior al-Qaida officials in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where he traveled after he served one year's probation on state weapons and assault charges in Sunrise, Fla.

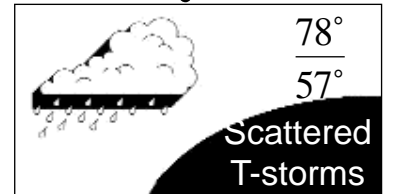
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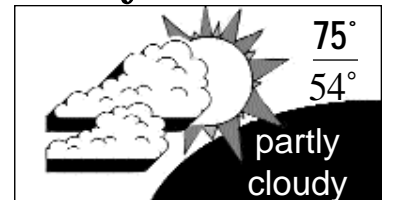
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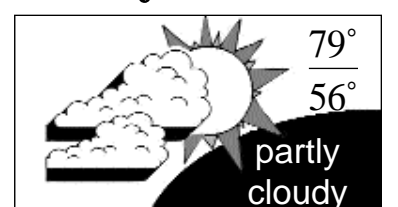
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Padilla's arrest came in part from U.S. questioning of captured al-Qaida leader Abu Zubaydah, one of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenants, two U.S. officials said. Ashcroft said information about the plot came from "multiple independent and corroborating sources."

Padilla first met Abu Zubaydah in Afghanistan in late 2001 after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, then went to Lahore, Pakistan, to research dirty bomb techniques with an unidentified associate, officials said. At Abu Zubaydah's request, Padilla traveled to Karachi, Pakistan, in March to meet several senior al-Qaida officials and discuss bombings of U.S. gas stations and hotels, officials said.

Padilla was described by one former neighbor in Chicago as "so quiet, so nice." Nicknamed "Pucho" as a teen-ager, he enjoyed basketball and video games with his friends.

Padilla was convicted at 15 as a juvenile of aggravated battery, armed robbery and attempted armed robbery. A law enforcement official said he was in custody there between November 1985 and May 1988.

In Florida, he was convicted in 1991 in Sunrise on charges of aggravated assault and discharging a firearm, court records show. Padilla, who identified himself as Catholic when he was booked on those charges, served one year of supervised release, until Aug. 4, 1993.

While in the Broward County jail, Padilla was accused of battery on a jail officer and resisting without violence in January 1992.

Lawmakers accept most cuts

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois lawmakers ended their special session Tuesday night after accepting about \$450 million in budget cuts proposed by Gov. George Ryan, although key officials said the state's money problems are far from over.

Ryan used his veto powers to slash \$502 million from the budget lawmakers sent him. He called the Legislature into special session to consider his cuts.

In a marathon session with more than 230 separate votes, the Republican-controlled Senate supported all but about \$50 million of the governor's cuts.

That means two prisons will close, two mental health facilities will shut down, schools will see less money and fifth-year college students will have a harder time finding scholarship money.

The few vetoes senators voted to overturn then moved to the Democrat-controlled House, which quickly agreed with the overrides.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome of today's actions," Ryan said outside his Statehouse office. "There were some tough votes the senators had to make tonight, and it was painful, but they understood how necessary it was to make those cuts."

The Senate also upheld Ryan's veto of a bill that would have barred the state from hiring outside contractors to run food and commissary services in state prisons. The vote to override the veto was 33-19 — three votes short of success.

Privatization is still tied up in

court, however, because of a challenge from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Tuesday's cuts do not guarantee the \$54 billion budget will remain balanced. Some lawmakers suspect declining revenues will require further action, whether cuts or tax increases.

"I wouldn't plan on any long vacations ... because we could get called back any time," said Rep. Gary Hannig of Litchfield, the House Democrats' chief budget negotiator.

He and others put the budget deficit not at \$500 million but \$724 million and likely to rise as more bad economic news comes in.

"Things are changing by the hour," said Rep. Bill Black, R-Danville. "I don't think there's been any guarantee that we won't be back in July."

Ryan's deputy budget director, Mike Colsch, said the governor didn't think he could cut more than \$500 million from the fiscal 2003 budget that begins July 1.

A \$225 million shortfall in May — and June revenues Colsch expects to be down another \$100 million or more — will mean delaying more bills into the new fiscal year. Paying the bills out of the next budget will produce a smaller end-of-year balance, which then might require pushing some 2003 bills into yet another fiscal year.

Senate Democrats objected to most of the cuts and warned that they would mean real harm to real people.

"I care, and it makes a difference what we do here in this chamber out there in the real world! Stop cutting everything from the children of this state!" screamed Sen. Rickey Hendon, D-Chicago. "It is a travesty."

The actions mean about 1,800 state jobs will be cut, on top of the 1,500 lost under the budget lawmakers approved June 2, according to AFSCME.

That "callous indifference" translates into more dangerous prisons and worse care for the sick and disabled, warned the union's Illinois director, Henry Bayer.

Sen. Steven Rauschenberger blamed Democrats for the need to cut, saying they had voted to increase spending while rejecting GOP proposals to bring in more money — such as auctioning off a riverboat casino license.

Lawmakers ended up approving an unworkable budget, he said.

"The choices we've made leave us no choice," the Elgin Republican said.

Senate Democrats, as well as House Republicans, saw it differently. They argued the governor and legislative leaders agreed to borrow \$750 million to avoid deep budget cuts. Ryan broke that agreement by rejecting the borrowing plan after the budget was approved, they said.

"We left here in good faith ... that we did not act irresponsibly," said Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones, D-Chicago. "We should not be here right now. We had an agreement."

Minnesota towns fight against floods

ROSEAU, Minn. (AP) — The rain-swollen Roseau River broke through a sandbag dike Tuesday in this northwestern Minnesota town, spilling into yards and streets.

Police ordered a handful of people living close to the floodwaters to leave; others who heeded voluntary evacuation orders were bused to Red Cross stations in a nearby town.

"We're having the flood of our lives here," Mayor Jeff Pelowski said.

Members of the Salvation Army, Army Reserve and volunteers in waders and baseball caps stacked sandbags along the river banks and around homes in this community of 2,500 people, about 10 miles south of the Canadian border.

While the river wasn't expected to crest until Wednesday, the forecast called for more rain to top the 5 to 12 inches that has fallen since the weekend.

Flood stage is 16 feet in Roseau, which set its old record of 21.1 feet in 1996. The water was at 22.26 feet Tuesday, and the National Weather Service projected a crest of 23 feet.

Bryan Lundgren stood in ankle-deep water that was fast filling the yard around his one-story rambler, where he vowed to stay until it crept inside.

"If we get any more rain, I don't

know what I can do. Let it take its toll, I guess," Lundgren said.

Gov. Jesse Ventura ordered assistance to the nine surrounding counties in Minnesota's northwest corner from the National Guard, which responded with two helicopters to shuttle empty sandbags and other supplies. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent water pumps, engineers and 80,000 sandbags.

By nightfall, an army of dump trucks and more than 500 sandbaggers worked feverishly to protect a snowmobile plant from the rushing water.

"This is the economic engine for Roseau County," said Tom Tiller, chief executive and president of Polaris. "Even though a lot of people have lost their homes, the idea is at least they'll have a job."

The situation was better in Warroad, where the Warroad River went over its banks Monday but started receding early Tuesday. About 20 households were evacuated Monday afternoon. Some businesses remained closed Tuesday, but more than half opened again.

About 110 miles to the south and southwest, the situation was also improving in Ada, on the Wild Rice and Marsh rivers. Officials there said dikes were holding against the highest water that community had seen since the catastrophic flood of 1997.

Police refocus search of missing 14-year-old girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The city's police chief said Tuesday detectives are refocusing their investigation into the disappearance of Elizabeth Smart on those who know the 14-year-old girl, and vowed to the unidentified suspect: "We are going to get you."

"If you've got Elizabeth, you'd better release her now," Chief Rick Dinse told reporters on the seventh day of the investigation.

Despite checking out hundreds of tips, police have not been able to focus on any particular suspect, he said.

"We believe that it is possible that we have already talked to, or will soon talk to, the suspect that is

responsible for this crime," he said. "My caution to this suspect, if he is listening, is, 'We are going to get you.'"

Investigators spent several hours in the Smart home early Tuesday, searching for clues to the girl's June 5 disappearance.

Investigators are now focusing on someone who had access to the neighborhood or the house, although not necessarily a family member, Dinse said.

"We don't have an identified suspect, but we do have some analysis of what this suspect is like," he said. "While we have not located Elizabeth or identified a clear suspect, we have made progress."

Police said they have ruled out the possibility that the girl staged her own abduction and was a runaway.

So far, police have received 6,000 leads, of which 600 were worthy of followup. Half of those have been cleared.

Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father, submitted to a polygraph test on Sunday. The test is being evaluated by the FBI. Police would not say what questions were asked and a family spokesman did not know whether Smart had an attorney present during the questioning.

"It's just one of the tools we've been using to further the investigation," police Capt. Scott Atkinson said. "We're looking at every pos-

sible angle."

In a statement released Monday evening, Smart said, "When asked by law enforcement I fully cooperated because I have nothing to hide. We are doing everything in our power to bring back Elizabeth."

Police also have re-interviewed 9-year-old Mary Katherine Smart about the crime.

She previously told investigators that a gunman came into the bedroom she shared with her older sister and forced her to go with him.

"Her story was consistent and we did learn some things about the suspect we didn't know before," Dinse said.

As to whether Elizabeth knew her abductor, Dinse said, "That is a possibility, and I'm not going to comment beyond that."

The volunteer search through the city and mountain foothills was tapering off. On the first day of the search, 1,200 people volunteered to find Elizabeth. By Tuesday morning that number had dwindled to 200.

But the search was expanding into other areas. Tom Smart, one of Elizabeth's uncles, asked for 40 or 50 all-terrain vehicle owners to help search the West Desert area of Utah. Chris Thomas, a spokesman for the family, said 55 ATV owners turned out, each searching a 25 square mile area.

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With the demand for platelets increasing seven percent over the past few weeks, platelets are now also in a jeopardizing stage. The shelf life for platelets is only five days which means that the supply has to be restored continually.

"The Red Cross has been taking proactive measures to avert a serious shortage of blood," said Christine Bales, Chief executive Officer of the American Red Cross, Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region.

"I am personally asking the generous volunteer donors in our communities to donate blood as soon as possible. We need your

help now."

Out of all the eligible donors in the United States, only about 5 percent actually donate. Of those who do donate, the Red Cross urges them to do so at least every 56 days.

If you are unable to donate blood at the Newman Center in the allotted time, it is possible to donate at any available mobile drive or blood donation center.

You can also host a blood drive at your place of business or organization and encourage friends and family to donate.

For more information, the American Red Cross is available on line at www.redcross.org.

Editors note: Quotes and facts taken from news release submitted by Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region.

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sent to the Illinois Board of Higher Education by September 1 so they can issue their recommendations to Eastern.

The Board of Trustees approved the tenure for Dr. Charles Rohn,

Dean, college of education and professional studies. Rohn's contract is for three years; the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.

Interim President Hencken authorized Dr. Michael Hoadley, Assistant Vice President of Technology a three year contract in his current position for the period, August 19, 2002 through August 18, 2005.

Eastern has seen an increase in

enrollment in all facets.

"Restoring enrollment to that of previous levels is something I've tried to do to make the school more run more efficiently," said Hencken.

"As you could see by the freshman orientation on Monday, enrollment is way up from last year," said Hencken. "There are 1900 new freshman this year and that is 350 to 400 more from last year. The number of transfer students is also up."

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education department, stated in a previous article that "Minott was chosen because of her high academic standing, good character and her outstanding achievements." Minott ran track for four years,

was active in department service, and was highly regarded by professors.

Plans for a scholarship from the physical education department are in the making for later next year, but the \$5,000 needed for funding of the scholarship has not yet been raised. About \$2,500 has been raised so far through faculty donations and telefunds with the entire

amount expected to be raised by next year.

A year has gone by since McNamara's murder, but justice has yet to be served in her case with the trial of Anthony Mertz having been delayed from its original date of Jan. 22 to a new date of Sept. 30. Jury selection will start on Sept. 30 and the actual trial will follow, scheduled to begin Oct. 7.

Build, but don't block

What is intended for Eastern's student body should include more than new current students and more than buildings.

Facility upgrades are essential to the betterment of any university. A problem arises when the line between creating a better facility and building a better image blur.

Inform the students Eastern's student body needs to know where the money goes.

Eastern is long overdue on improvements, but the sea of construction projects become ridiculous at times.

For the next several years Eastern students will not be attending a complete

campus. If one facility is up and running, another facility will be closing down. Students can expect the departments in it to be spread about campus.

Eastern's operation and management budget is proof that, in some accounts, Eastern is having difficulty providing enough funds to fix the air conditioning, but few students know where the funding comes from in the first place.

Uninformed students are boiling up in Coleman while peering out to a reconstructed Booth Library.

Students need to know the ultimate end to this Campus Master Plan. Part of that responsibility is on the Daily Eastern News, but if that's the case, the administration needs to better inform the DEN too.

A pamphlet of the Campus Master Plan, which is Eastern's renovation initiation, illustrates over 749 thousand square feet of new indoor space over the next 10 years.

In Booth library time, a 10 year estimation would've taken 20 years.

In expansion, the powers that be should not lose sight of what is most important; the quality of education should remain top priority for the students now as well as in the future.

And remember this, a pretty facility is not going to teach us.

When the PAWS system is staring blankly back at us, because it cost too much to mail our grades and the system is too impoverished to handle the job, are the shiny new walls of the welcome center going to help speed it up?

Who knows? Maybe Mr. PAWS is busy calculating the benefits of the raised tuition.

It's understood that a higher quality of education is the ultimate goal of beautification, reconstruction and new development. Just let us all know when this is going to end so we can get back to a comfortable learning environment and stop watching the campus being made comfortable for students of the future.

Hint to the administration...tell us where the money comes from and where it has to go, or students will believe you are spending money on new buildings instead of improving on what we have.

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

Kindness not always so kind

The majority of us are taught at an early age that everyone deserves respect and that we are supposed to treat people kindly.

My problem is, I don't believe the sincerity of some people who treat everyone kind all the time.

Why can't people just be kind? Sometimes we are too busy putting up with people who aren't kind to be kind ourselves, but putting up with an unkind person is somewhat kind.

I'm finding, kindness is more complex than just acting nice. There are several different personalities to sift through before one can find genuine kindness.

First there is the kind person, usually in their late 70s or early 80s. These people are truly kind. They have seen the ugly truth of the world and the beauty of the world and are too old to give a hoot, so they might as well be kind.

Then there is the kinder-than-thou kindness.

These people go around being kind all day as a defense mechanism. They don't want to participate in anything unkind and think it's somehow below them. I attribute it to being too slow to participate in critical thought processes.

Of course, there is also being fake, like the person who smiles at you like you are the kindest person in the room. Then that same person begins talking behind someone's back, telling you all about it.

That's an easy one to spot, though.

There's the ominous form of kindness, as in the butler in the spooky mansion who says, "Greeeeetings sir, hoooooww may I help you?" A creepy sort of kind.

You ladies know all about the kind gentlemen at the



Benjamin Tully
 Editor in Chief

"I'm finding, kindness is more complex than just acting nice."

bars, so I won't even go into that.

Am I forgetting any kind people?

Yes, the brainwashed kindness. The people who have interpreted their religion in such a way that they believe being anything but kind is sinful.

Their eyes look peaceful, but in a I-just-got-hit-over-the-noggin-with-a-ham-

mer sort of way.

Here's my final one.

I put out my first paper as summer editor in chief. I wrote every article but sports, those from the wire, and one staff article. I even did the cartoon. I still haven't slept much because I am taking seven hours of classes on top of all my duties.

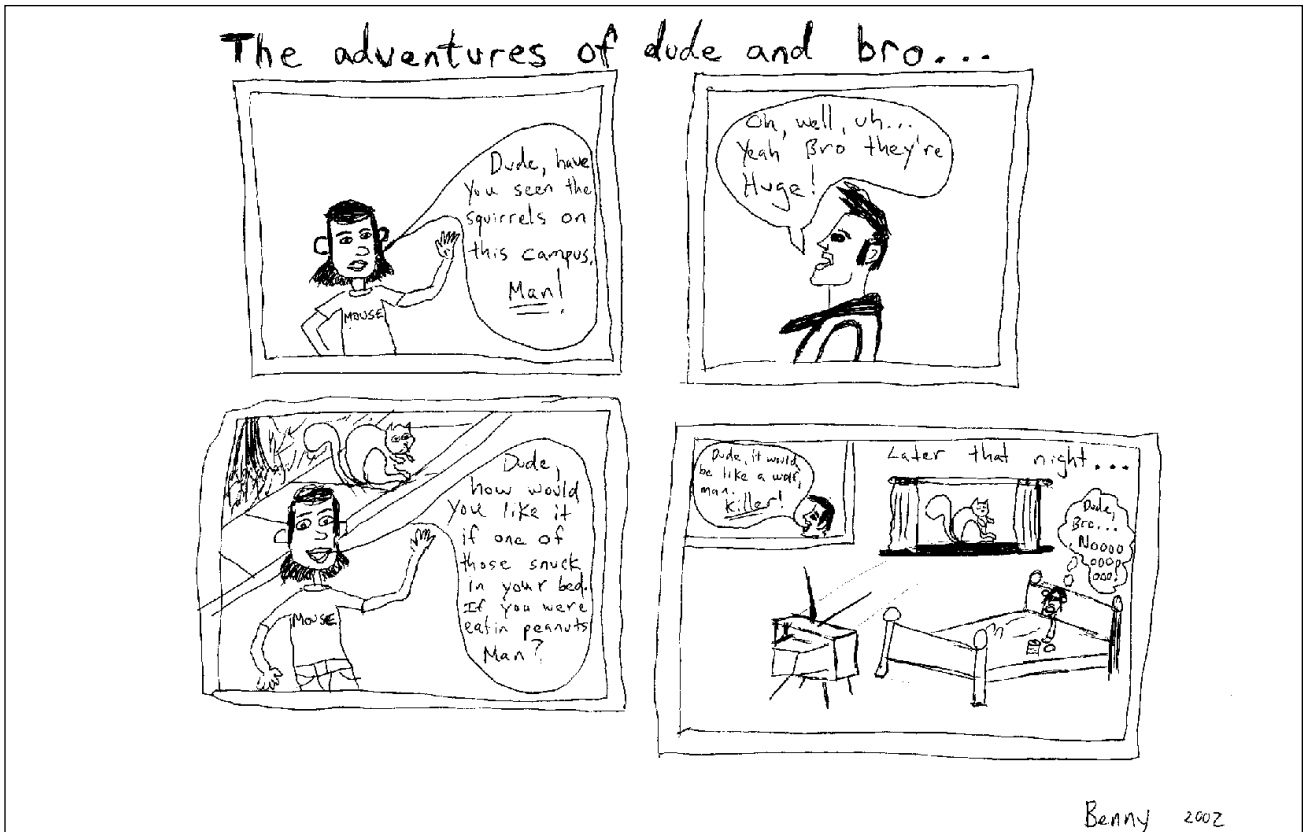
The paper had plenty of mistakes, but, with the help of my kind staff and a seventeen hour work day on my part, we got it out.

A concerned person called me to say I used the plural form of woman when I should have used the singular form. She said she was concerned after she saw it incorrectly used more than once.

I thought, how kind, if she hadn't called to point out something my administrative boss takes care of in the first place, I don't know how my life would have played out.

To you, yours and everyone else, thank you for being so kind. I'd like to say a few kind words before I go... "Gooooo evenng, hoooooww may I help you?"

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By Tony Gallagher

Great news, everyone! The missile defense shield program has had four successes in a row, and the Pentagon has a new goal of an anti-missile base in Alaska by 2004. We now will be protected from all the ballistic missiles we've all been so afraid of lately. The budget of this project alone is really pretty amazing. Since Reagan announced his Star Wars plan, the Pentagon has spent as much as \$60 billion.

Because we're getting "so close" to having a working system, the Pentagon is planning on spending another \$8 billion this year. Why does this planned system cost so much? The planned technique for shooting down these missiles uses what is called the "hit to kill" technique. When an enemy missile is spotted, this missile shield will shoot a rocket at the missile. This rocket will use the kinetic energy of the impact to cause enough damage to knock the enemy missile out. The high cost comes into effect because of the expensive hardware needed to have our anti-missile rocket collide with the missile itself. Technical research is usually expensive anyway. Testing is always pricey,

especially when the subjects are huge intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Recent tests have shown this antimissile shield does, in fact, work. But it works only with the most simple of test subjects. Shooting down missiles is not a new idea. Because of this, many people have come up with ways around this. One idea is using a liquid nitrogen envelope to hide the missile from heat-seeking interceptors. Another is breaking up the missile into small "bomblets" so that, if and when the interceptor did hit, it would only hit one of the bomblets. Leaving the rest to detonate on target.

David Wright and Theodore Postol, both physicists at MIT, wrote two years ago that although you might be able to build a missile defense shield that can protect against missiles that aren't equipped with countermeasures, it would be nearly impossible to build one using the hit to kill technique, that would be able to stop a missile equipped with countermeasures. At best, nuclear-free missile defense shield is just a colossal waste of money. At worst, it's going to do even more damage to the United States' reputation.

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Whose going to kill the video star?

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I love my MTV.

Alright, so it isn't how it used to be. I know already. But can't we all just wave goodbye to our '120 Minutes', 'Alternative Nation' and Daisy Fuentes already and open our arms to 'Jackass', 'The Osbournes' and Carson Daly, who got the TRL gig because MTV wanted a host with a personality matching a toothbrush, I read that on the website.

That's it. I'm done spending any of my precious time worrying over MTV's playlist or their fall schedule because I have finally come to terms with the fact that they are no longer the same station and never will be. It's time to face the music, or lack thereof, and move on. They are no longer the cable network struggling for viewers, subscribers and industry respect.

So then you have VH1 to fill the void, MTV's station aimed toward the older crowd, the station that proudly plucks videos from MTV when they are no longer hip enough for the 11 to 17 crowd and sets them on rotate for the 18 to 30 boppers. Ever wonder why you will find live shows upon Behind the Music specials and videos of Motley Crue on VH1 and not even a single word or shout at the devil on MTV? The kids must feel that the Crue just ain't as hip as Disturbed, sorry.

I used to love VH1 two or three years ago back when they still played 'Pop Up Video' and before I had been subjected to Poison's behind the music for the 80th glorious time. They were the best place to learn about the history of rock and roll thanks to such entertaining shows from the modern day staple 'Behind The Music' to 'Legends', 'Where Are They Now' and 'Before They Were Stars'.

It was so good that the absence of videos was welcomed rather than ridiculed.

Today I turned Video Hits 1 on and there was Billy Idol muttering about something or the other. It turned out he was going on about how much the music industry shifted after the introduction of MTV.

So, video killed the radio star and people pumped their fists in the air with joy. Today people pump that same fist in anger at that same video star. So what can kill the video star?

Perhaps just the video, drop the star. MTV did their best to silence us angry fist pumpers with the introduction of the 24 hour video channel MTV2 a few years back. They mix the mainstream rock with the underground rap and the underground rock and with the mainstream rap.

The all music video channel has already done something for the industry. Now obscure bands that would never even touch the mainstream market can work their way out of obscurity thanks to a push by the station.

The network also seems to have a place in it's heart for good rock and roll, as it will always push the critically acclaimed indy band that much harder than the generic rock band, certainly not the usual MTV ethic.

Alright, so I've accepted it. Good music can be thought of as nothing but a bonus on our rebel cable network. With an outlook like that I can actually enjoy seeing Lil' Bow Wow's house on 'Cribs' or follow along as Alien Ant Farm tries to decide between the busty blond or the sassy red head on 'Dismissed' after a drum off!

Fun brainless shows without having to tap into your mind once!

'Undercover Brother' scores a hit with laugh after laugh

by Ryan Rinchiuso staff writer

Undercover Brother is a contradiction posing as a movie. It isn't very politically correct while at the same time it is very safe, it is a very smart comedy that has dumb (but funny) jokes and it can be seen as a mean film but it is really sweet in the center

The Undercover Brother, played by Eddie Griffin, is a blaxploitation version of Robin Hood, who steals from huge corporations and gives to the poor in his vintage '70s Cadillac.

His only powers come from his ability to go undercover and the kung-fu moves he has learned from watching countless Bruce Lee films.

Undercover Brother is recruited by the B.R.O.T.H.E.R.H.O.O.D to fight The Man. It is explained in the prologue that The Man has been scheming since the '70s to keep the African American Population in their place because the Black culture was influencing the mainstream too much for The Man's taste.

The case that Undercover Brother starts working on is to find out how The Man brainwashed a Black presidential candidate, played by Billy Dee Williams, to not run and instead sell fried chicken. The only thing in 'Undercover Brother's way is White She-Devil (Denise Richards), a attractive white female

that is 'a black man's kryptonite.'

While some people could find the story about a Colin Powell-esque character selling fried chicken in bad taste, most great comedy was originally seen as being raunchy. The most important fact about 'Undercover Brother' was that it was hysterical. It is not the type of movie that makes fun of one race or sex but all are open for potshots in this movie.

The movie might play up the stereotypes for all races but they did it in an unapologetic and clever way. The white guy, Lance, (Neil Patrick Harris) is a square and only works at the B.R.O.T.H.E.R.H.O.O.D because of affirmative action.

There is the sassy black woman and the black man who believes everyone is out to get him. While the jokes could have become generic, the writing was too smart to fall in that trap.

The jokes come without a break throughout the movie and while laughing at one joke, the audience will miss the next two or three jokes that are even funnier. Even more important, the jokes do not resort to the gross out humor and fart jokes that a lesser movie would have fallen into.

While the ending was way too sappy for this type of movie, the whole movie was actually very sweet and was not trying to be mean spirited.

★★★ 1 / 2

Whiteboy rapper El-P could be the answer to your summer swoon

by Jason Mule' staff writer

What is this, June? And you are still here spending your summer in Charleston? I've spent a few of those summers myself.

Whatever it is, in the years to come it will remind you of equal-parts boredom and wreckless abandon. Nothing and everything to do, all at once. Wasting time in class before the afternoon barbeque you're looking forward to.

You will need some music to soundtrack these all important and completely insignificant times.

So, in the spirit of blurry-eyed reverie, I propose to bring you an entirely sporadic column devoted to new releases this summer - or whatever the hell I feel like writing about. And so, this week I bring you El-P's 'Fantastic Damage'.

Let's face it - you are going to be saturated with 'The Eminem Show' this summer. Every party you go to will be playing it. Every backwards-and-upside-down-visor-wearing moron will be bobbing his head to it as he drives by and blocks out your walk-to-class conversation.

What you need is another white rapper to blow your mind. That man is El-P, short for El Producto. The Definitive Jux impresario just put out his first solo album and it's a whopper.

The former member of rap legends Company Flow, producer of the awesome, disturbing Cannibal Ox and president of the Def Jux label apparently has no limit to his talents.

I've never heard anything quite like it - his whirlwind delivery is augmented by a decidedly dark sense of humor on top of beats that defy explanation.

The tracks on this album consistently overload the listener's senses with experimental, psychedelic beats that will make your head feel like it is about to explode - kinda like that guy in 'Scanners' - and you will only beg for more.

The Cronenberg film should have used more splattered brain matter, 'Fantastic Damage' is unrelenting in its assault on your synapses. You may even feel exhausted at the end, as its 16 tracks top 70 minutes. But don't think that there's any filler. As Hammer once said, "It's all good."

El's beats bridge the gap between hardcore hip hop and laptop geeks like DNTEL or Herbert. He's like The Flaming Lips of hip hop.

'Dead Disnee' samples a child's voice screeching it's title as El decides that "When the city burns down, I'm gonna go to Disneyworld." Amazingly, the song was written before 9/11 and Dubya's declaration that Americans should return to work and consumerism - El's target is the recently cleaned up area of Times Square and its subsequent metamorphosis from hardcore pornography-peddling to a Disney dystopia.

But El saves the most poignant moment on 'Fantastic Damage' for later, during 'Stepfather Factory' which is presented as an infomercial for robot family replacements. El aims his years of abuse at the hands of his own stepfather into an amazing expression of bitterness, humility and love for his blood family.

So, you can take Eminem's "Cleaning Out My Closet," multiply the anger and sarcasm by a hundred and you have an idea of what El accomplishes in "Stepfather Factory." The final intonation of a digitized voice saying "Why are you making me hurt you?/ I love you" sends a shiver through my spine every time I hear it.

'Fantastic Damage' is that rare kind of record that appeals both to party animals and people who hunger for raw, experimental hip hop that stands up to closer inspection.

It comes off flawlessly. You will be bobbing your head to it in the car one day and discovering sounds you didn't hear the first time on your headphones the next. El-P's avant-garde rhymes resonate long after the album is over; by then you'll have already hit Play again.



El-P

'Fantastic Damage'

Definitive Jux

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Panthers dominate other schools

McDuffie says EIU leader in the Ohio Valley Conference

Erik Hall
Sports Editor

"We are dominating the league and hopefully we can continue to do so," EIU Athletic Director Rich McDuffie said.

Eastern dominated the Ohio Valley Conference for the second straight year and the third time in the schools six years as a member of the OVC. The Panthers showed their dominance by winning the combined All-Sports Championship for 2001-2002.

"Winning this award was a culminating event that we have worked really hard for and I knew we were close the last couple years and I was really excited for the university," EIU Senior Associate Athletic Director Deb Polka said.

Eastern's men and women combined point total of 190 points finished far ahead of second place Eastern Kentucky with 163 points.

"We are really excited and pleased because it happens so rare to win both the men's and women's championships," McDuffie said.

Winning five conference championships led the way towards Eastern winning this award. The Panthers won regular season conference championships in men's cross country, women's cross country, men's indoor track, men's outdoor track, and football.

"Midway through the year we

felt we were on track to potentially win both," McDuffie said. "Doing well in football and cross country certainly put us into contention."

Going into the 2001-2002 there was definitely optimism that Eastern could bring home these trophies.

"I think we were optimistic that we would win on the men's side and hopeful we would do so on the women's side," McDuffie said.

Polka agreed that there were high hopes for 2001-2002.

"I had high expectations for this year. After a few surprises at the start, I knew it would be realistic (to expect to win the all-sports award)," Polka said. "I was pleased both the men's and women's cross country teams won and that we have one coach for both who had both teams peak was nice to see."

McDuffie was also pleased to see success from Eastern runners.

"We were really pleased that the women's track team finished second indoors and third outdoors and that went a long way toward winning on the award on the women's side," McDuffie said.

On the way to becoming the OVC All-Sports Champion, the Panthers picked up six OVC "Coach of the Year" awards and seven OVC "Athlete of the Year" awards.

"Coach of the Year" winners

were Tom Akers, men's indoor and men's outdoor track; John McInerney, men's and women's cross country; Bob Spoo, football; and Ray Padovan, men's swimming.

"Athlete of the Year" winners were Henry Domercant, men's basketball; Jason Bialka, men's cross country; Tony Romo, football; Josh Kercheval, men's swimming; Jarrod Macklin, men's indoor track; Ron White, men's outdoor track; and Pete Pirman, baseball.

With a significant number of teams returning a large number of athletes there is optimism about Eastern reclaiming the All-Sports award at the end of 2002-2003.

"I think we still have a good chance of repeating. I feel good about it because the number of sports we have doing well right now," Polka said. "We have reloading in some sports, but sometimes there can be a surprise and I think you will see other sports rise this year."

McDuffie agreed on the chances of Eastern bringing home the All-Sports award again next year.

"We are optimistic and each year we should be in the hunt to win one or both of (the All-Sports awards)," McDuffie said. "(Winning the All-Sport award) is in part doing well and partly luck of other teams not doing well."

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It was pretty brash, but all Tyson had to say was, "I want to eat his children." Those six words got Tyson another shot at the heavy-weight title.

How could that clip not be played over and over again by every sports news channel until the Tyson-Lewis fight became a reality?

They couldn't resist and that is why there was never any doubt that this fight would happen. Even when Tyson bit Lewis on the leg, despite what everyone said, there was never any real doubt this fight would happen.

This fight was going to make too much money for too many people and it was because of Mike Tyson. Tyson is an entertainer. Tyson can make a fight with anyone entertaining.

I have a 16-year-old neighbor who has participated in amateur boxing and I have no doubt that Tyson, with his pizzazz and flair, could make a 12-round fight with even an amateur boxer and All-State track runner sound exciting and intrigue millions to pay more than 50 bucks to pay-per-view.

As long as thousands of people are willing to tune in to see Dustin Diamond (a.k.a. Screech) fight in a ring, there will most definitely be an interest for a Tyson fight. Tyson will bring a big crowd and he will bring big support and it will result in big money.

I don't want to make it sound like Tyson was always entertaining simply for his out of the ring behavior. That isn't true. "Iron Mike" was one of the most dominant fighters in the history of the sport when he was knocking out people with the left and the right in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The beating Tyson gave to Michael Spinks in 1988 was one of the most brutal displays of power ever in the sport of boxing. I just felt that somehow Tyson might show some of his old brilliance on Saturday night and give Lewis his first real challenge.

I just hope this wasn't Tyson's swan song because the sporting world has run out of entertaining personalities and Tyson is all us sports fans have left.

While I was watching the NBA Finals on Sunday night, when Shaq sat down on the bench there was a guy sitting next to him that I had forgotten all about, Mitch Richmond.

In the early 1990's, Richmond was the second best member of the Golden State Warriors trio of Run TMC, behind Tim Hardaway and better than original Dream Team member Chris Mullen there was Richmond.

Run TMC was broken up in 1991 by Warriors coach Don Nelson who sent Richmond to the

Lewis-Tyson fight sets record for pay-per-view

NEW YORK (AP) — The Lennox Lewis-Mike Tyson heavy-weight title fight was the highest-grossing pay-per-view event in history.

HBO said Tuesday that its joint

Sacramento Kings for Billy Owens. The three players have all gone on to have success. Mullen got a gold medal in 1992 at the Barcelona Olympics and then in Atlanta's 1996 Olympics Richmond got a gold medal too.

Mullen got a chance at a NBA title in 2000 with the Indiana Pacers and was a major contributor to the team as they lost to the Lakers in the NBA Finals. Richmond joined the Lakers at the start of the 2001-2002 season, but hasn't quite been given playing opportunities so far in the playoffs.

Richmond sitting next to Shaq on the Lakers bench Sunday night was as likely to get sweaty as any other time to that point in the series. Richmond has logged three "Did Not Play-Coach's Decision" in the box score in each of the three games played so far of these finals.

Laker head coach Phil Jackson has put Richmond, who is ahead of "The Doctor" Julius Erving on the all-time NBA scoring list, into one playoff game this season. Of course that is one more playoff game than Richmond played in during his three seasons as a member of the Washington Wizards, but does a former All-Star Game MVP deserve this treatment.

True, this is Richmond's fourteenth year in the NBA, but a guy with that much experience should be trusted more to be playing during the NBA Finals than Richmond's Laker teammate Stanislav Medvedenko who Phil has given minutes to against the Nets.

I hope that Phil decides that Richmond's career has earned him the opportunity to play in the NBA Finals after he has labored around the league as a member of the Warriors, the Kings, and the Wizards.

But Phil's previous actions are not in Richmond's favor. It was also Phil Jackson who in 1997 left Robert Parish as the only member of the Bull's Championship team on the bench with "Did Not Play-Coach's Decision" for each game of the six game finals series against the Jazz.

Parish, named one of the NBA's 50 Greatest Players, announced early in the 1996-1997 that this season would be his last in the league, but maybe that wasn't enough for Phil to let "The Chief" get one last hurrah. Parish was secluded to just sitting on the bench and watching Michael, Scottie, and Dennis entertain the fans.

Hopefully, Phil will let Richmond into Wednesday's game to entertain the fans, but also so that Richmond can feel that he actually was contributing to the team's imminent NBA Finals victory over the Nets.

No sports fan would want someone who was as great as Richmond was (and probably still could be if given the chance) to go off into oblivion with "Did Not Play-Coach's Decision" as their final box score statistic.

venture with Showtime had grossed \$103 million on 8.1 million buys, \$3 million more than the previous high, the second bout between Tyson and Evander Holyfield.

"This exceeded even our expectations. This was a night that truly lifted the sport," said Mark Taffett, senior vice president for HBO Sports. Taffett would not say what those expectations were, but reports put it in the \$100 million area.

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computer labs, field trips to nearby EIU science labs, displays and library resources. Classes will be held from 9a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 17 through July 18, and the cost is \$30 per child. Space is limited and parents are advised to register their child(ren) as soon as possible. To register and/or for information, contact Tim Croy at 581-7890 or 581-5728 or via e-mail at cftwc@eiu.edu.

MAJORS, MINORS, OPTIONS

If you are a student who needs to declare majors, minors, or options, go to the Registration Office, McAfee south basement, as soon as possible. If you are ADVISED in ACADEMIC ADVISING/LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER and want to change your major, minors, or options, GO TO ACADEMIC ADVISING, 9th St. Hall.

SUMMER ADDS/DROPS/CANCELLATIONS

TODAY—June 12— is the deadline for adding an 8WK or a 4WK1 class. After June 12, you may register only for a workshop that has not yet begun.

You may drop an 8WK or a 4WK1 class through Monday, June 17, and the class will not appear on your permanent record AND you will not be billed for the class. The only class you may drop after June 17 that will still not appear on your permanent record (and you will not be billed) is a workshop that is dropped BEFORE it begins.

The deadline for WITHDRAWING from Summer 8WK/4WK1 classes in order to be billed only for insurance is Monday, June 17. The deadline for WITHDRAWING from Summer 8WK classes in order to be billed only for insurance plus 50% of the remaining cost is Tuesday, June 25.

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Please be aware that the final exam schedule for Summer 2002 is published on Page 7 of the 2002 Summer School Schedule. Class schedules are available on the shelf outside the Registration Office, basement of McAfee. The summer final exam schedule is also available on Registration's home page on the internet, at <www.eiu.edu/registra/>.

STUDENT INFORMATION CHANGES

When changes occur, errors are detected, or information is missing in the following basic student information items, please report them to the offices indicated.

HOUSING OFFICE - local and/or home address and telephone numbers;
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, 1221 Old Main - resident status;
REGISTRATION, South Basement McAfee - degree, major, minor, option;
RECORDS OFFICE - social security number, name, classification, marital status, or any other changes or additions not covered above.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION MEETING

Students MUST attend a meeting to formally apply for University Admission to Teacher Education and to initiate the selection process. The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules meetings each semester. The required formal application form is distributed and collected at the meeting and the rules and regulations concerning selection, admission to and retention in teacher education are explained. Students who have not previously applied MUST attend a meeting. The following meetings are available SUMMER SEMESTER 2002 to initiate the selection process:

*Saturday, June 29, 2002	1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium	1 - 1:50p.m.
Monday, July 22, 2002	1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium	4 - 4:50p.m.

Sports

Wallace becomes a Panther

Mary Wallace takes position as EIU women's track coach

Erik Hall
Sports Editor

For the first time in 22 years there will be a change in who is coaching the Eastern women's track team.

It was announced on June 3 that Mary Wallace will become the new women's track coach for Eastern and replace John Craft. Craft held the position of head women's track coach for the past 22 years.

"My expectations is to come in and develop a strong program that will be competing strongly in the Ohio Valley and hopefully soon to be competing for conference titles," Wallace said.

Wallace comes from Illinois State where for the past six years she has been an assistant coach and has also served as recruiting coordinator at Illinois State.

"She has familiarity with the recruiting base in Illinois recently," said Deb Polka, EIU Senior Associate Athletic Director. "With Mary's background, I know she is competitive and I feel she will fit very well in our broad based track program."

The broad based track program is

something new that is going to be tried at Eastern with Tom Akers serving as director of track and field and the men's head coach. In the broad based program Akers will coach both male and female sprinters and hurdlers, Wallace will coach male and female throwers, and assistant coach John McInerney will coach both male and female distance runners.

"This is the first time we have been in this set up where I am directing both the men's and women's track programs and I foresee Coach Wallace being a great addition to our staff," Akers said. "She has a great track record and so I look forward to her continuing that kind of success with the throwers on both the male and female sides."

Akers is also expecting that Wallace will be able to help bring some new ideas and change to Eastern.

"Sometimes you get stuck in a rut and it will be nice to have someone coming in from a different program and providing a new outlook on things and to bring some new

insight of ways of getting things done around here," Akers said. "I have high expectations for the continued growth of our men's program as well as our women's program."

Before Wallace was an assistant coach at Illinois State, she served as an assistant women's coach at Central Michigan (1995-1996), Arkansas (1991-1994), and Rice (1990).

"I think (Mary) will help us a great deal, she is really talented and we are real optimistic with her," EIU Athletic Director Rich McDuffie said. "She has a real sense of energy and we expect her to do really well."

Wallace is a 1989 graduate of Rice and a four year letter winner for participation in track and field. In 1988 and 1989, Wallace received All-Southwest Conference honors.

"I will bring with me a strong work ethic and one that student athletes will hopefully take upon themselves," Wallace said. "From my prior experiences coaching and competing, I will also bring a strong ability to coach young athletes to

reach their full potential."

Polka is hoping that Wallace's prior experience will result in the Lady Panthers bring continued conference success.

"The women's track team may have surprised some people with our second in the OVC Indoor Championships and our expectations are to build on and continue to be in the top three next year," Polka said.

While Wallace was at Illinois State she helped the Redbirds to both national and conference success. She helped coach the Illinois State women's team to a 12th place finish at the 1999 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships and the women's team won seven Missouri Valley Conference indoor and outdoor titles with Wallace as an assistant.

The 1993 Arkansas women's track and field team placed eighth at the NCAA Indoor Championships during Wallace tenure as assistant in charge of throwing events for the Southeast Conference School.

When Wallace worked at Central Michigan, she was in charge of all

field events plus the heptathlon. While coaching for Central Michigan Wallace coached two Mid-American Conference heptathlon champions and the 1996 Mid-American Conference indoor high jump champ.

Wallace is optimistic that she can continue to maintain and then build upon the success established by Craft for the women's track program at EIU.

"There is a good nucleus of success at Eastern," Wallace said. "I have a lot of respect for the program's accomplishments under Coach Craft. Hopefully we can take the program one step further and win a conference title in the next few years."

McDuffie is doing more than hoping that Wallace will continue to have equal or greater success than that of Craft.

"Coach Craft was doing a good job developing the women's program and (Mary) will be able to take the program a step further and get to the point on the women's side where we are competing for a conference championship every year,"



Erik Hall
Sports Editor

Oblivion isn't for the greats

I hope Mike Tyson doesn't disappear into oblivion as he threatened at the end of his brutal defeat at the hands of Lennox Lewis.

Mike Tyson is the most entertaining boxer ever and the most entertaining athlete since Dennis Rodman's NBA retirement.

Mike Tyson beat Brian Nielsen to get a chance to fight the heavy-weight champ. Who's next as a warm up fight for Tyson? Bill Lair?

Lewis fought Tyson, not because of who Tyson beat, but because of the hype that Tyson had created. Tyson's statement was very creative and probably as scripted as the Gore vs. Bush debates of 2000, but Tyson brought attention.

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Lakers on verge of NBA Finals sweep

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal remembers the night Houston fans banged brooms against his team bus following the last sweep in the NBA Finals. Seven years later, O'Neal considers it one of the four lowest moments of his life.

O'Neal can bring his own broom to Game 4 and smack it all over New Jersey if the Los Angeles Lakers finish this series Wednesday night.

The Lakers have a 3-0 lead over the Nets in the best-of-seven series and a Los Angeles win on Wednesday would mark just the seventh sweep in Finals history.

O'Neal refused Tuesday to dwell on the looming opportunity of being on the winning side of a sweep.

"I don't like to use that word, because it's kind of bad luck," he said. "I'm not the one to count my chickens before they hatch."

But surely there's nothing O'Neal could want more than to reverse the worst night of his basketball career.

O'Neal was a member of the Orlando Magic when he made his first trip to the NBA Finals, which the Rockets won in a four-game sweep. Until O'Neal won his first of consecutive titles two years ago, that 1995 disaster was a defining point of his career.

O'Neal remembers it took the Magic bus two hours to get from the Houston arena to the team

hotel as overzealous fans attacked the vehicle with the brooms they'd been waving throughout the game in celebration of the sweep.

"They were hitting the buses with the brooms and throwing bricks and rioting," he said. "I was just sitting there crying, looking out. They were laughing at me."

It left a permanent mark on a man who knows for certain he's only cried four times in his life — the first time his father hit him, when both of his grandmothers died and the 1995 Finals.

"It was a hard feeling, I said to myself, 'If I ever have the opportunity to make it to the Finals again, I won't let my teammates down. I have to make my presence known. We just have to win,'" he said.

He's also told his Los Angeles teammates many times what it felt like that night in Houston, urging them to never let it happen to them.

"He said it was one of his most hurtful experiences to have to go through," Kobe Bryant said. "He said it was a lot of pain to be swept in the NBA finals and be on the road and have to get on the bus and leave the arena with all the fans hitting the brooms up against the window of the bus. So, it would feel good to return a favor."

Brian Shaw and Robert Horry don't need O'Neal's recollection of the sweep — Shaw, then with Orlando, was on the bus with O'Neal, while Horry, then a member of the Rockets, was inside celebrating.

Like O'Neal, Shaw would like to make New Jersey the latest team swept out of the Finals.

"It would help redeem that situation a little bit — I know that it has helped motivate us to do better up to this point," Shaw said.

As much as the Lakers want to end the series, the Nets want desperately to avoid ending their season at home on Wednesday night.

Sure, New Jersey knows that no team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit to win the Finals. But the Nets are refusing to lay down and give it away to the Lakers.

"Dignity and pride, this team has been playing with that all season," guard Kerry Kittles said. "Everybody in this locker room has pride in each other and themselves. We don't want to get swept."

No one expects the Nets to come back in this series, so it would seem a single victory would do little but extend New Jersey's season a few more days. In reality, the mental impact of at least one win could last all the way into next season.

"It would help us feel a little better about ourselves," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "But I don't think it's going to diminish what we've done all season long."

To the Nets, losing four straight games would be forever remembered as a debacle.

"Getting swept means the other team had its way the entire series," Kittles said. "We'd like to think we did some good things and can compete against these guys and make it a series."

Schedule of Televised Sports on Wednesday, June 12, 2002

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 12 p.m. ESPN — Arizona at N.Y. Yankees 3 p.m. WGN — Chicago Cubs at Houston 6 p.m. ESPN — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Minnesota or	Philadelphia at Cleveland ESPN2 — Regional coverage, N.Y. Mets at Chicago White Sox or Philadelphia at Cleveland NBA BASKETBALL 8 p.m. NBC — Playoffs, finals, game 4, L.A. Lakers at New Jersey	SOCCER 6:25 a.m. ESPN — World Cup, first round, South Africa vs. Spain, at Daejeon, South Korea ESPN2 — World Cup, first round, Slovenia vs. Paraguay, at Seogwipo, South Korea	1:25 a.m. ESPN — World Cup, first round, Costa Rica vs. Brazil, at Suwon, South Korea (<i>Thursday morning</i>) ESPN2 — World Cup, first round, Turkey vs. China, at Seoul, South Korea (<i>Thursday morning</i>)
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