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CITY

Trial date set for reckless homicide

BY MICHAEL SCHROEDER
CITY REPORTER

Trisia A. Jones, the defendant from the one-car accident that killed an Eastern student on June 20, 2003, faces a possible longer sentence if convicted, after appearing at a hearing on Aug. 16, according to the Coles County Circuit Clerk's Office.

Jones, 37, is accused of being intoxicated and speeding when she lost control of her car going west-bound on state Route 316, hitting a tree and killing her only passenger, Eastern student Shelia Sue Henson.

Jones had recently returned to Coles County after being arrested in Connecticut in April by federal marshals. She had moved into a home there with her husband and was living by the name Trisia Blair.

Judge Mitchell Shick has scheduled a hearing for the drunken driving charges at 9 a.m. on Sept. 13 in the county courthouse. Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters is handling the case.

Jones, who is represented by court-appointed attorney Jeannine Garrett, is facing counts of driving under the influence, reckless homicide and involuntary manslaughter. She is also facing charges of violating the terms of her bond for unrelated forgery charges.

She failed to appear at three hearings for her case in September and November 2003 after posting \$5,000 bail.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ethan Zohn, the winner of CBS's "Survivor: Africa," jokes about changing his name to Ethan from Survivor Tuesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Zohn spoke about the importance of character and his charity organization "Grassroot Soccer," which educates African children about HIV and AIDS.

'Survivor' winner shares life lessons

BY CHRIS WALDEN
STAFF WRITER

"Survivor: Africa" winner Ethan Zohn paid Eastern students a visit Tuesday evening in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom to share his experience and advice not as a celebrity, but as a normal guy trying to do the right thing.

His lesson for the day: make a difference for yourself by making a difference for others.

"Survivor" is a reality TV series that airs every week that depicts the antics of a group of people stranded in a dangerous environment.

Zohn, like dozens of other contestants, had to survive on his own in the

wild while voting other contestants off the show. He became famous for being himself: a charming, cooperative 'nice-guy.' As the winner of the show, the \$1 million prize made him both rich and famous.

However, the fame's not what Zohn likes to talk about. His memories and jokes about his "Survivor: Africa" experience seemed less important to Zohn during his presentation.

He explained something which occurred to him during those 39 days of survival. Zohn met some young African children outside of a local hospital and played hackey-sack with them to get his mind off of the "Survivor" struggle.

What completely changed his per-

spective on survival was the realization that all of those children, and several million others like them, were HIV positive. HIV/AIDS is a widespread pandemic plaguing Africa, making Zohn feel much differently about the term 'survival.'

With the \$1 million prize, Zohn's desire to make a difference for Africa's children was turned from a possibility into a reality. He used the money to found Grassroots Soccer, an organization that employs professional soccer players as role models to educate Africa's children about AIDS.

Now, with Grassroots outreaching to African countries such as Zimbabwe and Ethiopia, Zohn believes his fame and fortune have bestowed with him

an opportunity to help as many people as he can. Currently, nearly every country on the African continent has a severe case of AIDS in its child population.

"I want to be in every African country," Zohn said.

He expressed a wish to inspire Eastern students to have a passion for what they love and to fight for a cause they believe in.

By helping children in Africa and seeing the light of hope restored in their eyes, Zohn said he felt so gratified. He guarantees that Eastern students, even without a \$1 million prize, can help restore the light of hope in others' eyes, which will make both parties' lives much better.



COLIN McCauliffe/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Michael Chron, a speech communication major, checks the Cardinals Web-site on updates of his favorite team Tuesday morning before class. Chron said he joined the St. Louis Globe newspaper because he "loved the Cards so much."

Chron teaches to inspire

LIZ RICHARDS
STAFF WRITER

He likes the Cardinals, Harry Caray, both cold and warm pie, and watching any sporting event at Eastern.

He says his job is to motivate people, and he takes the initiative to get to know his students.

Michael Chron, an Intro to Speech Communication instructor at Eastern, wants to act as more than an educator for his students; he wants to help them find their passion.

Chron's motto is, "Find something you really enjoy doing, and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

Chron grew up in Charleston and attended Eastern, where he received his bachelor's degree in speech communication.

After graduating, he was pulled into journalism where he worked as a sports writer for the *Champaign News-Gazette*. There he was taught journalism techniques by sports editor Loren Tate.

Chron looked up to him for his patience and abil-

ity to assist him in learning and achieving his goals.

Chron also wrote sports at the *Wisconsin State Journal* in Madison, Wis., and then later at the *St. Louis Globe*.

Chron's fondest memory from his journalism career is interviewing the hotheaded Bobby Knight, former basketball coach for the University of Indiana.

While Chron worked with Knight, he unraveled the mystery of interviewing the coach.

"Knight's got a pretty bad temper, so if you just ask him a question, he'll just ignore you and walk away," Chron said. "The secret is to not ask a question, but rather phrase it as a comment."

After his 20 years of journalism, Chron reenrolled at Eastern, where he later decided to get his masters degree in Speech Communication.

Chron also teaches Intro to Public Speaking and University Foundation classes, which are both primarily for freshmen.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
84 70 Scattered T Storms	84 72 Scattered T Storms	90 70 Isolated T Storms	89 65 Scattered T Storms	78 57 Partly cloudy

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Praise Fest today in University Union

STAFF REPORT

Several area churches will fill the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom Wednesday to sing songs of praise.

Praise Fest 2004 will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. and will feature several praise bands.

Performers include groups from the Charleston Community Church, the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Praise Assembly of God and New Covenant Ministries.

Individual performers include Jody Young and Wanda Kay Robinson and Friends.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Champaign residents brace repair act

Champaign tenants may soon find it easier to get an irritating leaky faucet or broken window fixed. A new state law will give residents more control over repairs.

The "Residential Tenant's Right to Repair Act," which passed on Aug. 9 and will be effective Jan. 1 of next year, will allow tenants to get repairs done themselves if a landlord fails to do so within 14 days after a repair notice is filed. The repair fees can then be taken out of the tenant's monthly rent.

While this law has existed in Urbana since the 1970s, it was passed to include all of Illinois less than one month ago.

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Mars closer than the sky for NU students

Mars is no longer more than 100 million miles away from Northwestern students and faculty. Through magnifying glasses, images of the Martian landscape become three-dimensional in NU's Visualization Laboratory.

Other universities have photos of the Martian landscape, but NU is believed to be the only one showcasing 3-D images.

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CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's letter to the editor on Page 4, the letter writer was not identified. Charleston resident Michael Strange submitted the letter. The News regrets the error.

STORMY WEATHER



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A student runs from the Life Sciences Building Tuesday afternoon during a rain shower. More rain is expected today with a 60 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms.

WTF?

Man test drives car, robs bank

SOUTH OGDEN, Utah A man test driving a used vehicle found it worked just fine as a getaway car after he allegedly held up a bank.

The auto salesman who had accompanied him Monday was standing outside the car when the unidentified man came out of Wells Fargo Bank with a bag of money and drove off alone.

Shortly before the suspect ran out of the building, the salesman got out of the car after someone asked him for directions, Shupe said.

It's not known what the robber told the salesman as to why he had to stop at the bank, which was the second one he visited during the test drive.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLE

This week we ask our readers how they feel about the redesign of The Daily Eastern News. Rip it apart. We dare you!

- A) It's about #@&*!!\$ time. I hated that ol' looking thing.
- B) I like totally dislike it ... like it looks weird and stuff. I only like look at the pictures anyway.
- C) I'm scurred of it. I won't read it.
- D) Fabooo. We want more and we want it now!

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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until the first week of school is complete.

WORD DU JOUR

catawampus

1. askew; awry.
2. positioned diagonally; cater cornered.
3. diagonally; obliquely.

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SRC purchases new equipment with help from University Board

GREGORY McELROY
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Student Recreation Center has purchased new and improved equipment for students to use throughout the year and for many years to come.

"This year, we have purchased 16 new pieces of equipment, replacing older equipment that has been here since the early 90s," Ken Baker, director of Campus Recreation at Eastern, said.

According to Baker, replacing the older equipment and bringing in new and better workout machines has been a two-year process. Many students who regularly visit the center also had a say in what was purchased.

"It's the students' money," Baker said. "So we definitely wanted their

"The students picked Nautilus because their equipment comes with features."

KEN BAKER, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS RECREATION

opinion on what we should purchase. I feel the more I can get into their minds about this Rec Center, the better the center will be for them for their buck."

As for the transition from Nautilus equipment in the center to Trotter, Baker said there were many companies to choose from.

"We looked at other companies like Cybex, Life Fitness and Hammer Strength," Baker said. "I even took

some students to a couple of fitness factory stores in Franklin Park, Ill., and St. Louis.

"The students picked Nautilus because their equipment comes with features like hydraulic adjustable seats, seat belts and isolated movements," Baker said.

"We have purchased machines that work out every part of your body, and the easy-to-read instructions on each machine tell you how to properly use the machines and what part of the body each machine focuses on."

Baker thanks the Apportionment Board for the funds to purchase the new equipment.

"They are the ones that made this possible," Baker said. "They also had a hand in picking the equipment, but they provided the funds necessary for the new machines."



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Courtney Clevenger, a freshman pre-pharmacy major, uses the newly purchased Nautilus machines that were bought with money donated by University Board, Monday afternoon in the Student Recreation Center.

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PRINCESS DIARIES 2 (G) Daily 3:30, 6:30, 9:10
COLLATERAL (R) Daily 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
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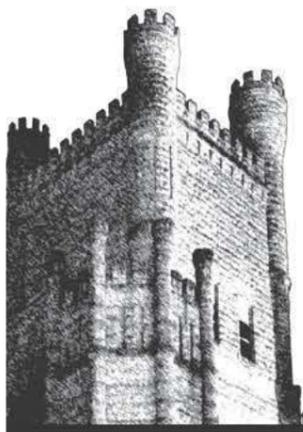
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EDITORIAL

New trustees positive start for Eastern

Eastern's Board of Trustees, which is responsible for approving university purchases, tuition and fee increases and charging other campus committees with projects, will finally be at full strength.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed Robert Webb of Mattoon, Leo Welch of O'Fallon and Roger Kratochvil of Mt. Olive Aug. 16 to fill three open positions that have been vacant several months.

The positions became open when one member resigned for personal reasons last fall and two more were forced to resign after a state ethics bill banning registered lobbyists from serving on policy making boards required them to quit their jobs as lobbyists or withdraw from the board last spring.

Though it is positive the university has received three qualified new members, the fact that it took so long for the governor to accommodate the request is somewhat discouraging.

Eastern has patiently waited for the board additions, while other universities such as the University of Illinois, Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University had the openings on their boards filled before Eastern.

Granted Eastern is smaller than all three aforementioned universities, it doesn't mean Eastern should be last to get the state's attention. Eastern has proven itself a quality school, as seen in a latest ranking of colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*. Eastern should not be treated as a second-class institution, being forced to wait for state officials to make decisions that affect all of the 10,000-plus members of Eastern's community.

At times it seems nothing short of a devastating fire will turn state lawmakers heads away from Champaign, Carbondale, Bloomington-Normal and other college cities around the state.

We are frustrated with the amount of time Eastern had to operate without a full board of trustees, but we are glad to have qualified board members representing Eastern.

The university will be relying on its new board members to work efficiently and contribute effectively. Hopefully more efficiently than the lawmakers in Springfield that appointed them.

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

COLUMN

'I am EIU' glimpse of values

Last Thursday and Friday I had the privilege to be a part of a volunteer group of over 300 Eastern students (230 of them Panther Pals), faculty, administrators and staff including the president, vice presidents, deans and directors who assisted the arrival of our students to campus.

Some were returning and some were just beginning to experience the excitement, challenges and rewards of an institution of higher learning.

We assisted students moving into their rooms, checking out their books, getting parking permits, Panther Cards and to help acquaint them with campus resources and facilities.

They were treated to entertainment, refreshments and cold water throughout the day and a cookout in the evening. This was an impressive, well-organized display of welcoming activities.

All volunteers wore T-shirts with large letters on the front reading "I am EIU." I was among those who drove golf carts transporting students and their families to different campus buildings.

Most of my conversations with incoming freshmen and their families pivoted around the academic and social experiences ahead of them. However, the question I was asked most often was "What does 'I am EIU' mean?"



"When we go to classrooms ... or they come to our offices, we treat them as our own sons and daughters."

ALAN BAHARLOU
CHAIR OF GEOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY DEPT.

I explained that this statement is uniquely expressing our vision. Every university has residential and academic buildings, well-equipped classrooms, laboratories, studies, fields, athletics, entertainment activities and student services, incentives. However, what distinguished one university from another is the attitude, commitment and capabilities of those who service students in academics, residential and support services.

"I am EIU" means Eastern is as good as the people who serve. While these welcoming activities are impressive, this is just the beginning, a glimpse of how we value our students.

We commit ourselves to parents that as they leave behind their most precious belonging - your sons and daughters, not only do we cultivate and enrich their academic talents but their personal growth as well.

When we go to classrooms, laboratories, studios and the field or they come to our offices, we treat them as our own sons and

daughters. This vision of higher education has brought us a sustained high ranking among "America's Best Colleges" and the highest-ranking public university in Illinois among the top public universities in the Midwest, which offer Master's Degrees.

Incoming freshmen and their families often shared the same warm, personal welcome and commitment from the university's staff they experienced during their open house visits to campus, which were also among the reasons they chose Eastern.

Once more I realized the hopes and expectations of these young people and their families as they begin the most significant chapter in their lives and how critical our role is in assisting them to accomplish that goal.

My participation in welcoming activities, listening to the hopes and expectations of our students in their first exposure to higher education, and to share with students and their families our institutional commitment was rewarding, exciting and memorable. I wish everyone could enjoy the same excitement if the occasion arises in the future. We collectively have made Eastern one of the best universities in the country and we all should enjoy the tangible and intangible benefits of that success.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DEREK SCHUSSELE



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student publication seeks participation

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The News*

reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 525 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The News is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be less than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should 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. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to mmeinheit@yahoo.com.

CHRON:

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Not only does he find it important to get to know his students, he also wants to create a relaxing atmosphere, making it easier for students to communicate.

"He makes students feel comfortable by encouraging them to interact with each other," Annie Sneigowski, a sophomore elementary education major, said. "He always started class with a joke, which loosened us up."

Diana Ingram, a coworker of Chron's, said if she could describe Chron in one word it would be passionate.

"If he's into something, he is really into it," Ingram said. "He has so much enthusiasm and energy; I don't think I've ever seen him down."

"If he's into something, he is really into it."

DIANA INGRAM,
COWORKER

STATE BRIEFS



DROWNINGS TRIALS MOVED OUT OF DEWITT COUNTY

CLINTON (AP) — A Clinton woman and her former boyfriend will be tried separately in the drowning of her three children, and the trials will be moved out of DeWitt County, a judge ruled Tuesday.

DeWitt County Circuit Judge Stephen H. Peters denied a prosecution motion to join the cases for trial after lawyers for Amanda Hamm and Maurice LaGrone Jr. revealed their clients could implicate each other.

Defense attorneys sought the change of venue, arguing that pretrial publicity and the county's relatively small jury pool would make getting a fair trial impossible for either defendant.

Hamm, 28, and LaGrone, 29, are each charged with nine counts of first-degree murder in the drownings of Hamm's children — 6-year-old Christopher Hamm, 3-year-old Austin Brown and 23-month-old Kyleigh Hamm — who were

in a car that slid down a boat ramp into Clinton Lake last Sept. 2. Both have pleaded innocent.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



POLICE SEEK MAN FOR QUESTIONING IN MURDER OF TWO CAMP COUNSELORS

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A 21-year-old Wisconsin man contacted police Tuesday and was questioned in the mysterious shooting deaths of two Christian camp counselors.

Sonoma County detectives sent out a statewide alert Tuesday seeking Nicholas Edward Scarseth, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., as a "potential witness" in the killings. When Scarseth heard about that from media reports, he got in touch with authorities, Sheriff's Lt. Dave Edmonds said.

"We have located him and we are speaking with him," Edmonds said. "We want to question him to determine what he knows about this case. He has not been charged. This is consensual con-

tact. We're not holding him."

Edmonds would not say why detectives are interested in Scarseth but described him as a "person of interest" in the slayings of Lindsay Cutshall, 23, and her fiance, Jason Allen, 26. They were found shot through the head last week as they slept on a beach near Jenner, in Northern California.

"We have information that suggests that a person matching that description was in Jenner during the time frame of the killings," Edmonds said.

Scarseth's mother, Karen, said her son has a drinking problem but is not violent.

"He's just roaming around," she said. "If he ran into those people, he would have befriended them."

However, she also said her son harbors anger toward religious people.

"He brings up religion and politics to irritate people. He likes to stir people up," she said.

Cutshall and Allen were reported missing Aug. 16 after they failed to show up at a Christian adventure camp in Coloma, about 40 miles east of Sacramento. Their bodies were discovered Wednesday.

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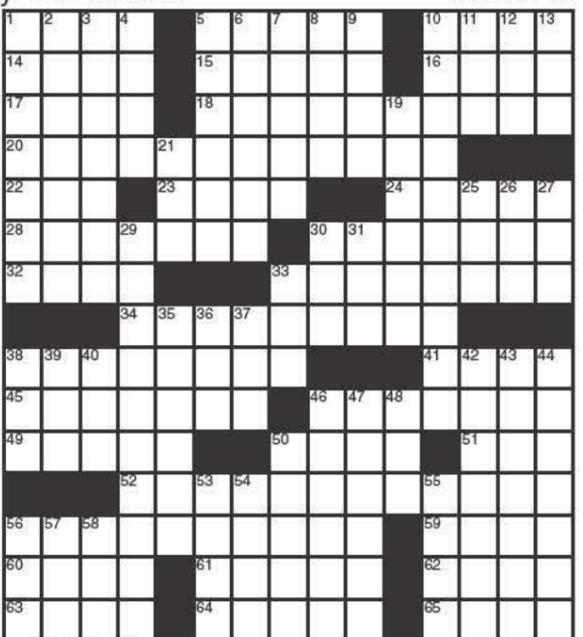
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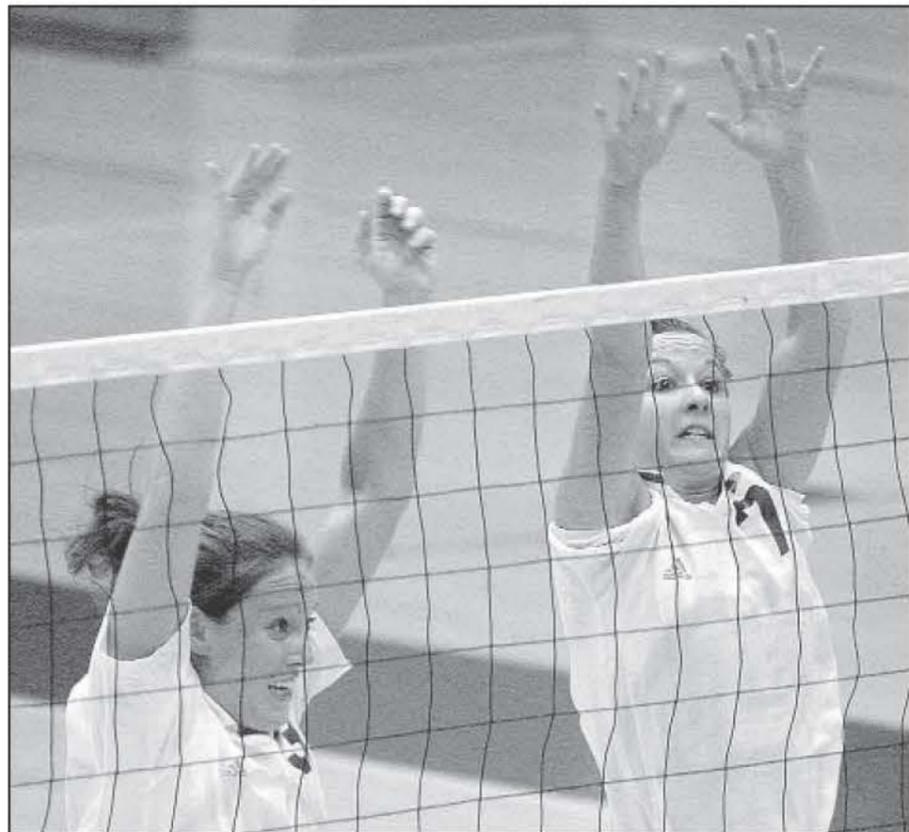


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VOLLEYBALL

Senior players want to lead team to victory



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shanna Ruxer and Erica Gerth reach for a block during a game last season in Lantz Arena.

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Even though Eastern outside hitter Erica Gerth and middle hitter Shanna Ruxer are entering their senior season, their roles as team elders are nothing new for this Panther duo.

Gerth and Ruxer were the lone upperclassmen last year after senior Chandra Hensley was injured early in the season.

"Being a senior is a lot like it was last year," Gerth said. "Our only senior last year got hurt so (Shanna and I) had some experience in leading the team, whether or not we were ready."

Gerth and Ruxer, who have also been roommates the last three years, each have different ways of leading the team, head coach Brenda Winkeler said. Gerth is a quiet leader who lets her court performance speak for her, while Ruxer is more vocal, helping to set a tone for the team. Winkeler hopes this combo will help keep her team on the high end of what she calls the A-to-Z. A is their best ball, while Z is their worst, and Ruxer hopes her energy can keep them consistent, in what she calls the M/N area.

"This pair of seniors is drastically different than any other I've had," Winkeler said. "Erica is a quiet leader with the ability to take over a game. Shanna is more vocal, helping to moni-

tor the team in A, our best, to Z."

And each of these girls don't just lead on the court. Gerth is an academic all-American, and Ruxer was one of 321 student athletes from three divisions to attend a NCAA leadership council over the summer.

"Being a senior, younger girls look up to me and I try to give them advice on and off the court," Ruxer said. "We're a very close knit team, so it comes naturally."

Gerth agreed that being a team leader has come very naturally as well.

"I don't try to put myself in that role," Gerth said. "I just do what I do and hopefully other girls will pick up on that."

The only thing that seems to be different for this pair of seniors, who are the remaining members of 2001's Eastern team who went to the NCAA tournament, is that at the end of the year they can't say "there's always next year".

"I've been playing for 12 years and I don't know what I'll do when I'm not part of a team any more," Gerth said.

Until they get to that point, the girls have the goal of getting the Panthers back to the top of the Ohio Valley Conference and back to the NCAA tournament.

"Right now I'm just trying to enjoy each moment as it comes and do whatever it takes to win," Ruxer said.

United States draws undefeated Spain

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — When a day of drama had ended and the quarterfinal pairings were set, the news was not great for the United States.

In order to get to the semifinals and possibly the gold medal game, first the Americans will have to defeat Spain — the team that left the widest wake of impressed and defeated opponents during the preliminary round.

"I don't know anything about them," Tim Duncan said of Spain after the Americans cruised past Angola 89-53 to finish the opening round with a record of 3-2.

Here's the scoop, Timmy: The Spaniards have finesse yet are physical, they're led by an NBA player who's tougher than he looks, and they usually shoot 3-pointers the same way your teammates do — not all that well.

Spain's players had an opportunity Monday to take it easy against New Zealand, lose a game and thereby knock Serbia-Montenegro out of medal contention. Instead, they banged bodies as though it was a wrestling match, won by four points and

let Serbia-Montenegro self-destruct later in the day.

"This is the Olympic stage, the setting for miracles," China guard Liu Wei said after his team stunned the defending world champions 67-66 to advance to the quarterfinals and relegate Serbia-Montenegro to Tuesday's 11th-place game against winless Angola.

In other games with medal-round ramifications, Greece defeated Puerto Rico 78-58 and Italy edged Argentina 76-75.

The matchups for Thursday's quarterfinals are Lithuania-China, Italy-Puerto Rico, Greece-Argentina and Spain-United States.

"We went out and tried to get the victory for the respect of the competition, the respect of our rivals and the respect of ourselves," Spain coach Mario Pesquera said. "There's also another important factor: When you have a winning streak like we have, it's a little dangerous to break it."

Spain (5-0) also won all of its tuneup games before the Olympics, and the Americans would be

ill-advised to underestimate them.

"Spain dominated our group," New Zealand coach Tab Baldwin said. "I think any team going against Spain has probably got to be considered an underdog."

The Americans are likely to learn that you can't spell "Spain" without "pain."

In a game marked by hard fouls and confrontations, Spain's Carlos Jimenez made two free throws for a four-point lead with 12.4 seconds left after an intentional foul on New Zealand's Dillon Boucher, who violently threw Jimenez to the floor.

The intentional foul allowed Spain to retain possession, and the four-point lead was key as Pau Gasol — who plays for the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies — missed a pair of free throws with 9 seconds left. Despite the physical nature of the game, there were no hard feelings afterward as players from both teams exchanged hugs and handshakes.

The Americans' latest game couldn't have been more different.

STEVENS:

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the Cardinals will lose. This woman has equated her backyard bird bath to the success of her team. Now that's dedication.

Fans who might be beginning the process of wondering wow-did-that-happen-because-of-me should take heed to my advice: Stop. Nothing different happened because of you.

Don't go down the opposite trail because it's like a drug; you will become addicted to your beliefs. Cheer for your team, be excited when they succeed and analyze the action, but do not believe that your actions affect the play.

I only wish I could have been strong enough to resist the temptation, but alas, Bears football is coming up...which means my phone will be silent on Sunday afternoons.

Tavarez throws the game while waiting on appeal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitching while appealing a 10-day suspension, Julian Tavarez allowed the game-winning run to score in the 10th inning Tuesday night on Darren Bragg's single, which gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tavarez (5-4), penalized by the commissioner's office for applying a foreign substance to balls in a game he pitched last week, gave up a leadoff single in the 10th to Juan Castro, who advanced on Jason LaRue's sacrifice.

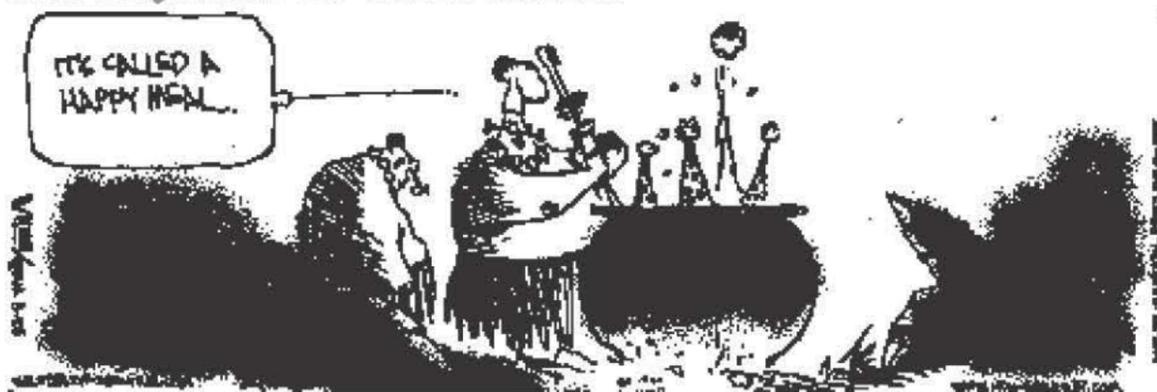
Jacob Cruz walked and Bragg singled to right, with Castro beating the throw to the plate.

Joe Valentine (1-1) pitched 1 1-3 innings for his first major league win.

St. Louis had won four straight coming in and 15 or 19. Tavarez would have begun his suspension Tuesday night if he had not appealed.

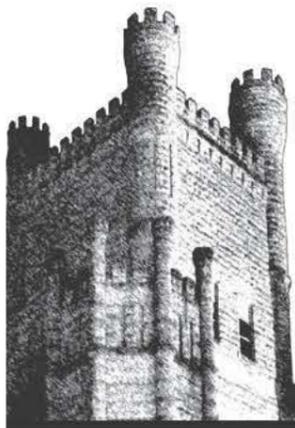
"The incident that day seemed like it was a very minor thing, and I'm shocked that it would be worth 10 days," manager Tony La Russa said.

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MATTHEW STEVENS
SPORTS REPORTER

The art of being a true fan

You've all heard it.

"I can't move from this chair or else Sosa will strike out."

"If the channel gets changed, the Bears will be down 14 points."

"On odd number days, I must watch the game from the bar."

Instead of this being a reaction from a weird fan who loves his team a little too much, this sort of behavior is becoming the norm. Right or wrong, this is true, and I don't know how I have subconsciously joined this fraternity.

I didn't know it until somebody asked me. Then, it hit me. I became every horrible thing I have said about fans. So, the next logical statement to make would be: "Hello. My name is Matt, and I suffer from fan delusion."

Two years ago, while watching my Illinois Fighting Illini in the NCAA Tournament, my editor called me. And before our phone conversation ended, Notre Dame was up by 20 and cruised to victory. This is where the disease spread.

The easy way to explain what I suffer from is, well, my team will lose if I am interrupted during a game.

For a while, the problem was diagnosed specifically to Fighting Illini basketball, but come summer this was not the case at all. It has spread into Cardinals baseball, Bears football and probably even Blackhawks hockey — we'll know when hockey season starts.

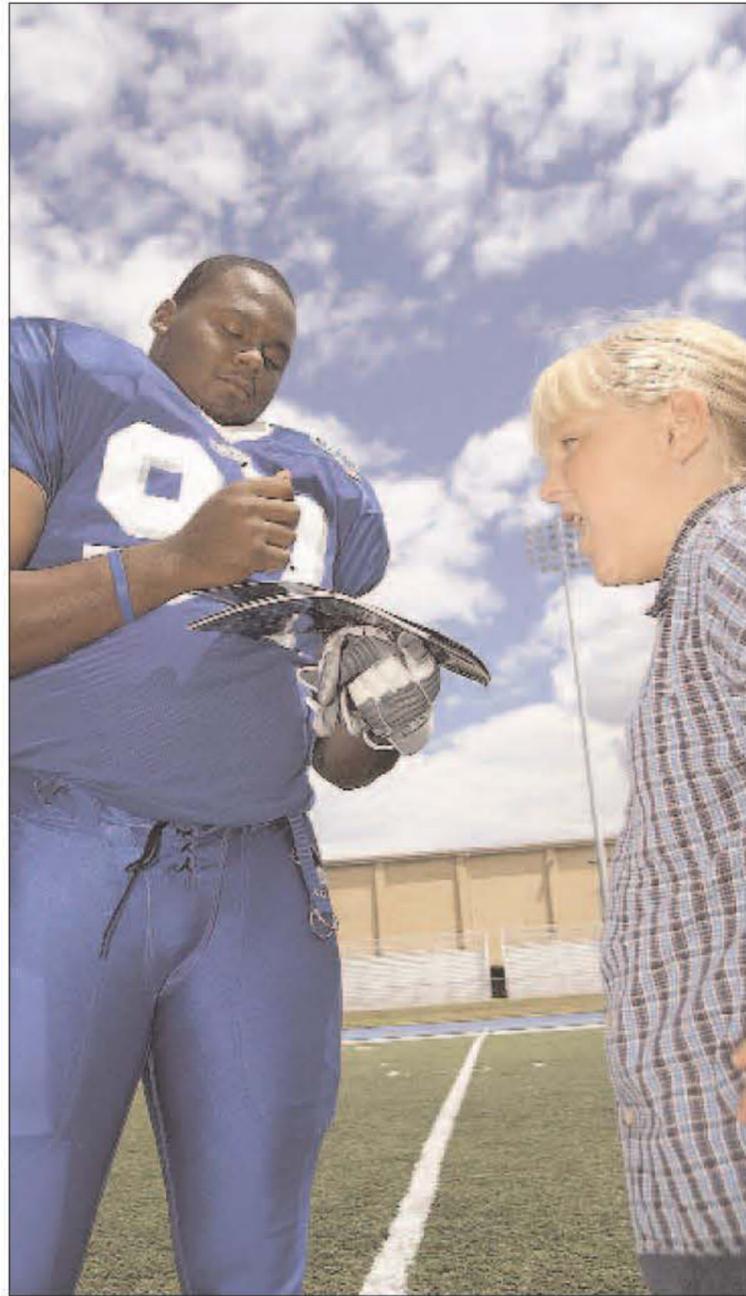
Like every other fan, this reporter will watch his own team on the tube or even listen on the radio. But my condition gets worse once the contest begins. Do I have any logical facts to back up my beliefs? No. Does it seem ridiculous to me after the fact? Yes. However, it makes perfect sense when my team wins.

The important thing to remember is that I'm not alone and better to drop of the cliff with others than lead the singular charge to mental demise.

One of my friends back home has to watch the Brewers in the same spot every evening. My grandfather must listen to KMOX with the television muted during Cardinals games and then the best fandomonium of them all.

I know somebody whose mom must fill the bird bath everyday or

Defensive line to improve solid base



Megan Gordon, 9, of Charleston, spells out her name for an autograph from senior defensive tackle Marcus Lorick during Panther Football Media Day Friday, Aug. 13, at O'Brien Stadium.

BY AARON SEIDLITZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The first team offenses and defenses came off the practice field Tuesday afternoon after the defensive line had just gone through their most interesting drills of the day.

The defensive line had their backs against the wall since the first team offense was positioned one yard away from the first down marker.

For those four linemen up front, there is no situation that can be more relevant to what they are hoping to accomplish.

First of all, they are looking to make a hit, and in the process they are hoping to make a play, maybe even create a turnover. Overall, they want to stop the situational drive with a sudden jolt.

"To me, as a coach of these guys, that is the most important time during practice," defensive line coach Derrick Jackson said. "For us, that is the time to make a play or a turnover; if they make that stop on 3rd and 1 then that group gets a breather and we have accomplished what we want to."

Those moments when guys like junior defensive end Kory Lothe or senior defensive tackle Marcus Lorick make the stop in practice are the moments that Jackson is going to want to see in a game situation.

After leading the defensive line last year, Jackson and his young disciples are excited to see what can be done after they have all learned the defensive scheme and are ready to build upon what they started last year.

"That transition situation is something we all had to work through last year, but as a group we overcame those moments," Jackson

said. "The players have to deal with a new coaching philosophy and a different style, and I had to learn how to push their buttons to get the most out of their potential."

The defensive line has bought whatever Jackson was selling, as they look to improve upon a solid base.

Last year, Lothe came off the end with success as he led the team with eight sacks, while Lorick provided a solid base to the middle of the line as he led the defensive line with 49 tackles, five of which were registered for a loss.

"The pressure is on us right now, and that is the way we like it," junior defensive tackle Will Bihun said. "We want to become the best we can because there is a lot of talent here."

Some pressure will be added to the group this year as the senior loaded linebacking corps from a year ago are now all being replaced.

But to the defensive line that is more of a challenge to place upon themselves personally than as a group.

"I think what we have to do is dominate; I really feel that we can be that good," Lothe said.

One player even thought that all four members of the line should make all-conference by the time the year is over.

Those kind of lofty goals are something that Jackson and the coaching staff hope their players can accomplish, and they also know that it is their job to make these players ready to make that kind of impact.

"I really feel that this group can be as good as any front four in the conference," Jackson said. "But they need to work as hard as they can now to accomplish that feat."

Basketball staff excited as Duany joins the team

BY AARON SEIDLITZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Building upon a team in transition, men's basketball is looking to a younger and more athletic bunch as the new season approaches.

The team announced on Monday that they had finally inked a player with a little name recognition for those who have followed college basketball in the last handful of years.

Bil Duany signed a letter of intent to Eastern late in the summer after he decided between college and prep-school. He is the younger brother of Queth Duany of the national championship 2001 Syracuse Orangemen and Duany Duany who went to the Final Four with Wisconsin.

The experience that Bil's older brothers had playing college basketball in the past helped pave the way for the youngest Duany brother to

come to Eastern.

"I have been very close to my family throughout this whole process," Duany said. "I've been talking to my sisters (Nok and Nyagon) and finally we have been able to get together with all my sisters and brothers to talk about this and work it out."

Duany comes to Eastern after spending his high school career in Bloomington, Ind. He also considered going to a prep-school before going to college.

But after the consideration he applied after talking to Samuels and his staff as well as his family, Duany decided now was his time to play college basketball.

One person who certainly is not disappointed in Duany's decision is Samuels. As he now has to scramble a little since last year's shooting guard Derik Hollyfiled was suspended for the year because of academic issues,

the added presence of Duany adds to Samuels' excitement over the swing positions right now.



BIL DUANY

"First off, Duany does add help as far as both shooting guard and small forward are concerned, but we are excited to see how he can handle point guard," Samuels said.

The coach also envisioned a 1-3-1 zone in which red-shirt freshman Bobby Catchings and true freshman George Tandy on the wings, Duany at the head of the press and Josh Gomes running the sideline.

One person who could fill in the middle of that zone would be another recent signee, Wes Wilken.

Wilken played high school ball at Waldron, Mich., and played at

Schoolcraft Community College, also in Michigan.

A season-ending ankle injury cut his time short, but didn't slow down Samuels from pursuing the 6 foot 9 inch center, who Samuels says is around 240 pounds.

"He is a multifaceted player which is a nice fit for our offense," Samuels said. "He can post up with his back to the basket, but can also face-up (to the defender) and shoot over the top."

That fits well in Samuels' flex offense that allows the man-in-the-middle to shoot from the perimeter.

Those two additions to the Panther team this year allow a little different roles to be played by many different people.

At this point the coaching staff isn't sure how to best utilize Duany, but as individual drills near, that will be sorted out.