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Pool renovations near completion

■ Some pools open, others undergo renovation

BY SETH MILLER
STAFF REPORTER

Unfortunately for those looking for relief from summer's cruel temperatures, for the last two years the Rotary Pool in Charleston has been under going renovations and Charleston citizens have been going to other towns to find their escape for the summer.

The pool renovations have been underway since 2004 and the original opening date of Spring 2006 has been pushed back again. The renovations will be completed by this summer, but the crews working on the renovations are still expecting to not be done until the beginning of July.

Until the renovations are completed, Charleston citizens will have to find alternative places to swim. Best Western Worthington Inn has offered day passes for their pool at five dollars for adults and four dollars for children since the pool renovations began. Also, open to the public is the Lytle Park Pool in Mattoon.

Brian Jones, director of recreation, said that they are shooting for Fourth of July opening. "All we had before was a kiddie pool, plus the



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Corwyn Lauter, 7, of Mattoon, and Sarah Goings, 6, of Mattoon, advance on a fellow playmate at Lytle Pool on Friday.

pool was 30 years old," said Jones.

The new pool's biggest change will be the introduction of a new zero-depth pool for children. The zero-depth pool will replace the outdated children's pool and will feature splash toys and water-spraying devices. Along with the zero-depth pool, there will be an expanded restroom, concession facilities and a new filtration system.

Since the project has begun there have been a series of delays that have served to push back the opening date at least three times already. Steve Voris, the resident engineer and project manager who is overseeing the pool renovation, said the

main problem is the weather and different bids from contractors.

Voris and the construction groups working on the pool may not be able to make their Fourth of July goal. "Realistically we are looking at July 10," said Voris. Voris said that there is still work to be done on the construction of the zero-depth pool and painting the zero-depth and swimming pools.

Much of the delays have been due to bids from contractors and trying to obtain land grants from the state.

Last year, the city applied for an OSLAD (Open Spaces Land Acquisition and Development) grant from the Illinois Department

of Natural Resources worth \$400,000, 20 percent of the renovation's \$2 million budget.

The city would eventually receive the grant but not until late September. This meant the plans for the pool had to be altered before they were submitted to Illinois Department of Public Health, which handles the approval of public pools. The delay for the grant set back the renovation three months.

The other delay that the city faced was a larger than expected bid for one of the phases of the project.

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Foreigner to play at Eastern

BY NORA MABERRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The band Foreigner has been selected to perform at the concert for Family Weekend 2006.

The University Board will formally announce their selection later this week, said Cecilia Brinker, director of student life at Eastern.

"We have not yet issued an official press release as we were awaiting the contracts," said Brinker. "We have received the contracts and will be sending a press release out this week."

According to the band's official Web site, www.foreigneronline.com, Foreigner was formed in 1976 by Mick Jones, Ian McDonald, Dennis Elliott, Ed Gagliardi, Lou Gramm and Alan Greenwood.

The Foreigner Eastern students see in October will be different from the band formed in 1976. The current line-up includes Mick Jones, Jason Bonham, Kelly Hansen, Jeff Jacobs, Jeff Pilson and Thom Gimbel.

Family weekend will take place October 6-8 and will include the traditional family weekend football game, performances by the Panther Marching Band, the Pink Panthers and EIU Cheer Team.

Eastern mourns loss of retired professor

■ Professor turned actress left her mark on Eastern, Chicago

BY NORA MABERRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Former Eastern Professor Lucinda Gabbard died May 23 in Houston of lung cancer. Gabbard was 84 years old.

Twenty years ago, Lucinda Gabbard retired from Eastern's English department after teaching for almost 40 years and publishing two books, "The Dream Structure of Pinter's Plays" and "The Stoppard Plays."

Gabbard taught and influenced two of Eastern's most famous former students, Joan Allen and John Malkovich.

Krin Gabbard, Lucinda's son, lives in New York City in the same apartment complex as Allen.

She met a lot of people who became famous through Eastern," said Krin Gabbard. "Joan Allen and John Malkovich both really loved my mother and speak highly of her and my father."

Krin Gabbard said that Allen still asks him about his parents when he sees her.

Glen Gabbard, Lucinda's other son, lives in



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lucinda Gabbard taught English and theater at Eastern before moving to Chicago.

Houston. Gabbard described his mother as "the best mother a man could have."

"She was an amazing mother," said Krin Gabbard. "She always had time for us. She read to us until she was blue in the face, she went to all our silly shows and went to all my

brother's silly baseball games."

"She was always curious about other people," said Glen Gabbard. "And I'm sure I became a psychiatrist partly because that curiosity rubbed off on me."

"In the 1950s she was reading Freud," said Krin Gabbard. "She was very intellectual and sped through her Ph.D dissertation."

Gabbard completed her dissertation in nine months. Krin Gabbard teaches graduate students at Stoneybrook University in New York City.

"That has to be some sort of world record," said Krin Gabbard.

Both sons agreed that their mother had fond memories of Eastern.

"She devoted a lot of time to that school," said Krin Gabbard. "She worked at Eastern from 1947 to 1967, full time."

"She was constantly being asked to work as a substitute in the English department."

Gabbard taught freshman level English classes and some theater classes during this time.

"She said that Eastern had given her a chance to develop her identity as a scholar beyond being a mother," said Glen Gabbard.

Krin Gabbard said that due to anti-nepotism policies found in the university environment during the time, his mother was not promoted as quickly as some of her colleagues

because her husband was a faculty member in the theatre department.

"In 1975 she received her Ph.D and everything changed," said Krin Gabbard.

Gabbard loved the faculty and students in the English department. And according to Dr. James Quivey, who was the English department chair when Gabbard was a professor, the faculty and students loved her.

"I've never known any other faculty member that has earned the respect, admiration and love from her students and colleagues like Lucy," said Quivey.

"She just kind of blossomed after completing her Ph.D."

Gabbard was hired as a full time faculty member in the English department.

"Her teaching was absolutely exemplary," said Quivey. "And everybody knew it."

She paired with her husband, Glendon, who directed plays and taught Theatre Arts at Eastern, to teach a six-credit class co-taught by the theatre and English departments.

"A professor from the theatre department would direct a scene from a show," said Krin Gabbard. "And then the English Department faculty member would analyze it."

Krin Gabbard remembered coming back to

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Paper airplanes soar at Eastern

■ Students win Red Bull competition at Student Rec

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Think making paper airplanes would never take you anywhere in life? Think again.

Red Bull energy drink's first Red Bull Paper Wings contest was held this year, and on April 19, paper airplanes were flying in the Student Rec Center basketball courts. Students were in hope of making the finals in either the category of distance or hang time to receive an all expense trip to Salzburg, Austria. Eastern student Jorge Sanchez was one of four lucky American finalists who got that chance.

"About three weeks later [after the contest] I received a phone call saying that I won an all-expense paid trip to the paper airplane world finals in Salzburg, Austria," Sanchez said. "This was my first time ever going overseas, and all because of a paper airplane!"

Sanchez's plane flew for 117 ft. 8 in, taking the win in the distance category in the Eastern U.S. sector (divided at the Mississippi River).

My paper airplane was nothing special, I just folded it a couple of times here and there, and that was about it," Sanchez said.

According to Red Bull Spokeswoman Ellen Applen, the contest was started as a way to bring young engineers and plane enthusiasts together to test their airplane knowledge and skills on the most basic level: contestants could only use one sheet of paper and could not glue, use scissors, or alter their planes in any way.

Utah State aviation student Randy Fischer won in the West for best hang time with 9.28 seconds, and unlike Sanchez, took his flight a little more seriously.

"Make sure the paper's flat, no wrinkles, symmetrical, weighted properly, don't touch the trailing edge of the wing," Fischer remarked.

Sanchez and Fischer, along with Fischer's fellow Utah State aviation student Greg Morris, and Purdue University student Sergey Sandler stayed in Austria May 4-8 and competed against 47 other countries at the competition on May 6.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A participant in the first Red Bull Paper Wings world finals in Salzburg, Austria prepares to fly his paper airplane.

Sanchez said he finished around 15th place in the competition, with Brazilian Diniz Nogueira Nunes winning in airtime at 11.5 seconds and Croatia Jovica Kozlica winning in distance at 129 ft.

Even though he did not finish in the finals, Eastern alumnus Kevin Vesper was only beat in hang time by .28 seconds. His plane flew for 9 seconds.

"My buddy made the plane for me. I threw it sidearm, and it just started circling around," Vesper said.

Although it is not for certain if the contest will return again next year, Vesper, Sanchez, and Fischer all agreed they would definitely do it again.

Same-sex partner benefits provided

■ Insurance, health support offered to same-sex unions

By ANN BEAUCHANE
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Starting July 1, same-sex domestic partners of all employees working for agencies under the governor's control will be allowed to receive the same health benefits as married employees and their families.

Charles Delman, Eastern chapter president of University Professionals of Illinois said the Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees, is the largest union of public employees. UPI and other unions who represent state employees discuss their requests with AFSCME, who negotiate the benefits covered by Central Management Service. As a result of deliberations between unions, the health benefits are now extended to all state employees.

"All of the universities with faculty and staff represented by UPI have made their employees eligible for the domestic partner benefit," Delman said.

Sue Kaufman, president of UPI Local 4100, said, "Now all public universities in

the state have the opportunity to say 'yes, we want to participate.'"

John Murphy, executive vice-president of UPI Local 4100 said in 2004, the time of the last AFSCME contract, same-sex domestic partnership health benefits were extended to its members after the union negotiated with the governor. At that time, the University of Illinois had some kind of monetary support for faculty and staff whose partners needed health benefits.

The additional coverage, such as health insurance, dental and vision, are now open to all universities in Illinois. Most of the Big Ten schools, including a wide variety of organizations and businesses across the United States, have already provided these benefits, Murphy said.

"Many universities already have them and I think we're kind of late comers to this in the state of Illinois," Kaufman said.

UPI has a chapter on seven Illinois campuses, including Eastern, where they represent close to 3,000 faculty and staff throughout the state. At least 10 years ago they began trying to negotiate equal benefits for its members, and this time the state agreed to the additional coverage.

While attempting to find ways to gain equal benefits, "we were never able to find a very good solution," Murphy said. "It was

AFSCME that took the lead, with our encouraging."

"Unions have supported the enrollment of same-sex partners because of our core commitment to fair treatment of all," Delman said.

Murphy recalls strong support, very little opposition and the vote of the delegates being unanimous. It is much less controversial than it might have been a few years ago, Murphy said. It is a step forward in trying to assure all members are adequately covered.

An argument made during the negotiations was that the changes should pertain to couples of opposite sex also. Murphy, though, said the changes only applying to same-sex couples is fair because opposite-sex couples have the option of marriage and receiving the benefits that come with it.

"It's quite frankly the right thing to do," Kaufman said. "We don't want to restrict because people are going to start looking at other places for work."

"In the United States, which lacks a universal national health care program, about the only way that people can get decent health coverage for their families is through their employers," Delman said. "It is only right that employees whose partners are of the same sex should be able to provide coverage for their families as well."

Eastern's budget going before state ed board

■ University to ask for increase in funds.

By KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY REPORTER

An overview of the higher education budget for the fiscal year 2007 will be conducted at the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting today.

The Illinois General Assembly approved it on May 4, 2006.

Included in the \$2.2 billion budget are state general funds for higher education operations and grants.

Eastern has not received a budget increase for university operations from the state since the 1999-2000 academic year, President Lou Hencken said in a *Daily Eastern News* article dated April 24, 2006. For the past seven years, Eastern has received \$47.6 million from the state.

Eastern proposed a 1.4 percent budget increase of \$666,533 for fiscal year 2007, but it has not been approved by the General Assembly yet.

The proposal will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on June 26.

The IBHE will also listen to a presentation about strengthening the ties between higher education and kindergarten through 12th grade at today's meeting.

Kati Haycock, director of Education Trust, will be giving the presentation about the importance of strengthening the connection between all educations.

It is obvious that the ties between higher education and kindergarten through 12th grade need work, said Don Severer, director of external relations for IBHE.

Haycock's presentation is also known as the Illinois P-16 Partnership for Education Excellence, which means education from preschool through college.

P-16 was formalized in March 1999.

One of the goals of P-16 is to address the transition of high school students going to college as well as their collegiate career success.

"[It is] increasingly important to ensure students get into college and [get a degree]," Severer said.

P-16's goal of helping to bring higher education and grades K-12 closer together supports one of the missions of IBHE.

The IBHE website states, "Illinois higher education holds a responsibility to support and improve Illinois' entire educational system from preschool through college."

To improve Illinois' entire education, IBHE makes necessary approvals for academic programs, and at today's meeting there are eight new degree programs that need approval.

The IBHE board has the duty to approve these new programs for community colleges as well as other new units of instruction, research and public service.

Proposal for the programs will be "analyzed in the context of the institution's mission, focus and priorities," according to the IBHE website.

If approved, the programs will be used at the following community colleges: College of Lake County, Kennedy King College, Lincoln Land Community College, Oakton Community College, Rock Valley College, Sauk Valley Community College and Waubesa Community College.

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at Morton College in Cicero.

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CAMPUS

A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

Journalism department earns reaccreditation

The Eastern Journalism Department has earned reaccreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

The department is one of 106 programs in the nation to receive accreditation.

A five-person team visited Eastern in October and talked with faculty, administrators and students and graduated to learn their feelings on the journalism program.

The ACEJMC accreditation is valid for six years. The department has been accredited since 1982.

Professor wins accountancy award from state's CPA organization

Roann Kopel, a professor of accountancy at Eastern, was awarded the Illinois CPA Society's Outstanding Educator Award.

Kopel was given the award at a banquet held May 24 in Chicago.

The Outstanding Educator Award recognizes educators who excelled in leadership and teaching while making an outstanding contribution to accounting education in Illinois.

Kopel studies issues in financial accounting and accounting pedagogy. Her research has been published in the Journal of Accounting, Finance Research and Advances in Accounting Education.

Construction fences coming to sidewalk between Union, McAfee

Construction will begin soon to install an extension to the chilled water loop for the MLK Jr. Union. Construction fences will be erected, closing off the sidewalk between McAfee and the union.

The contractor will access this site via the south side of McAfee from Fourth Street. Construction fences are scheduled to go up on Monday, June 5, and should be in place until the end of July.

Blotter

Friday, 05/19/06. Referred to the Coles County States Attorney and the Judicial Affairs Office.

On Tuesday, 05/23/06 it was reported that a blue Roadmaster mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack in University Court on the EIU campus.

On Friday, 05/26/06 it was reported that currency and a cell phone were stolen from a sports bag left unattended in Lantz Field House on the EIU campus.

On Sunday, 05/28/06 it was reported that currency and a cell phone were stolen from a purse left unattended in a hallway in Lantz Arena near the handball courts.

On Tuesday, 05/30/06 Henry Dye, 23, Park Forest, IL, was arrested at the University Apartments on the EIU campus on the charge of violation of probation.

Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property - Thursday, 06/01/06. Referred to the Coles County States Attorney and the Judicial Affairs Office.

Corrections

In the May 25 edition of The Daily Eastern News it was stated that cisterns used in Haiti held 75,000 gallons of water. This was incorrect. The cisterns hold 7,500 gallons of water. The Daily Eastern News regrets the error.



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Eastern employees who have retired or plan to retire during the 2005-2006 school year were recently honored.

Campus retirees move on

BY TEARRIA RUFFIN
STAFF WRITER

More than 40 Eastern employees have chosen to retire their positions after the 2005-06 school year.

Charles Rohn, the dean of college education and professional studies, was among the list of recent retirees. Many colleagues from his department did not expect Rohn to retire so soon and were sorry to see him go, but he felt that his decision was timely.

"I chose to retire because the opportunity of retirement presented itself," said Rohn. "I will miss the opportunities to work with a group of positive and dedicated professionals."

Among Rohn's plans after retirement included moving to Springfield to live with his family and eventually, returning to Eastern to teach education administration. Like Rohn, other retirees plan to return to for part time teaching positions or embark

new careers.

In 2002, AARP reported 18 million men and women over the age of 55 continue to work and it was estimated that this trend would continue to grow as more baby boomers reach retirement age. These new retirees are part of a growing trend, which is defined by AARP in 2002 as "America's New Retirees." America's New Retirees are living longer and desiring fulfilling, revitalized lives. Simply, others just like their jobs.

Eastern's music department has been like home to faculty member Richard Barta for over 28 years. He would like to return part time after taking care of two years worth of home repair and remodeling because Eastern students have left a mark on Barta's heart.

"They are great young adults," Barta said. "Eastern students have aptitude, attitude and likeability."

However, some retirees decided to retire

early in order to seek better work environments. Although she enjoyed her health service operations at Eastern, former staff employee Dorothea Kilgore chose a more "personality friendly environment" in a doctor's office as an allergy nurse.

"Nursing is an excellent career. However, in any career, there are a lot of personality differences, but a person has to determine what is really important," said Kilgore.

Work ethics is very important to the retirees who have already began their careers many years ago, and many send advice to Eastern students and others who have yet to start their careers as well.

"Students should be open to opportunities. Sometime opportunities come at an unexpected time and places," said Linda Spangler, former Booth Library general operationist.

No matter what stage people are in their lives and careers, there will always be unexpected changes.

Conference brings commuter students to Eastern's campus

BY KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Johnny Jiminez decided to come back to school so he could get a better job.

Jiminez, 28, Board of Trustees general studies major, has been taking the classes through Eastern's continuing education department in Chicago.

Living in Chicago and attending Eastern could present problems, but according to Jiminez, the teachers come to them.

"Teachers from Eastern actually come to us," Jiminez said. "The school sent three teachers to teach three classes on Fridays and Saturdays at the local community college for about five weeks. It's kinda nice being face to face with the teachers instead of doing everything online."

He was one of the students of ages ranging from mid-twenties to later sixties were present on Friday and Saturday for the annual Adult/Commuter Student Conference held in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Booth Library.

The Adult/Commuter Student

Conference gave college credit for all-day seminars and classes relating to what it takes to return or go to college.

Jiminez decided to attend the conference after he received a pamphlet in the mail.

Robert Miller, 45, of Chicago, is also coming back to school for a Board of Trustees general studies major. He agrees with Jiminez saying that the reason he came back to college was "to pursue better job opportunities at work."

When asked how it felt to be coming back to college at an older age, Miller smiled and said he thought that there was nothing wrong with going back to school. He is doing it to better his life and career.

It's not necessarily normal, but as long as it benefits him, he does not see anything wrong with it.

Miller is also in the school of continuing education and attends classes with Jiminez in Chicago. He heard about the conference through an email and decided to come.

The Adult/Commuter Student Conference was the brainchild of Audrey Bachelder, an academic adviser for bache-

lor's in general studies in the School of Continuing Education. It was her idea for the continuing education students who take classes off campus to meet other adult students, meet Eastern professors and see the campus, said community counseling graduate assistant Susan Bulla. Together with William Hine, dean of the bachelor of general studies department, she started the process that would become a conference directed toward non-traditional students.

Studies done by the university show non-traditional students get better grades and manage challenges better than traditional students.

Bulla thinks that the difference comes because of a different look at education.

"Non-traditional students know it's a privilege to go to college," said Bulla. "If a teacher lets them out early they complain they are not getting their money's worth. They want to learn!"

The actual conference consisted of 32 students, which according to Felix Brunkhorst, a graduate student in business administration who helped set up the con-

OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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EDITORIAL

Constitution class makes good citizens

The Council on Academic Affairs has decided to eliminate the Constitution requirement and the requirement to take either History 3600 or Political Science 1153.

This is detrimental to all students, as well as the university.

Some faculty think that since students take an American government class in high school that requiring them to take on in college is unnecessary.

That logic is severely flawed.

The goal at Eastern is education. The administration and faculty should never miss an opportunity to teach students important historical lessons, such as the ones found in History 3600 and Political Science 1153.

In Eastern's General Education requirements it states that the general education curriculum is designed to strengthen attitudes and behaviors integral to students becoming responsible global citizens and encourage ethical behavior, civic participation, an understanding of history and an appreciation of diversity both at home and abroad.

History 3600 was designed so students could explore the historical contexts of issues that they are facing today.

How can Eastern expect their students to know if the Patriot Act is unconstitutional, if it is legal for the National Security Act to tap phones and know their legal rights if they are not required to take a class teaching them these very issues.

According to Jonathan M. Rosenthal, University Registrar, at Illinois State University in Normal, that university still has a constitution requirement.

"Most students fulfill the requirement by taking one of several courses as part of our general education program," said Rosenthal. "Some do elect to satisfy the requirement by examination."

As does Western Illinois University, according to Candace McLaughlin, director of the University Advising & Academic Support Center at Western, the university does have a requirement called Senate Bill 195.

They waive the requirement for students who have graduated from an Illinois high school but out of state students and students who received GED's must either take a class or pass a Constitution test.

Western's policy brings up an interesting question. Some faculty argued that students learned about the constitution in high school so it was unnecessary for them to repeat the class. Out of state students may not have taken an American Government or constitution class.

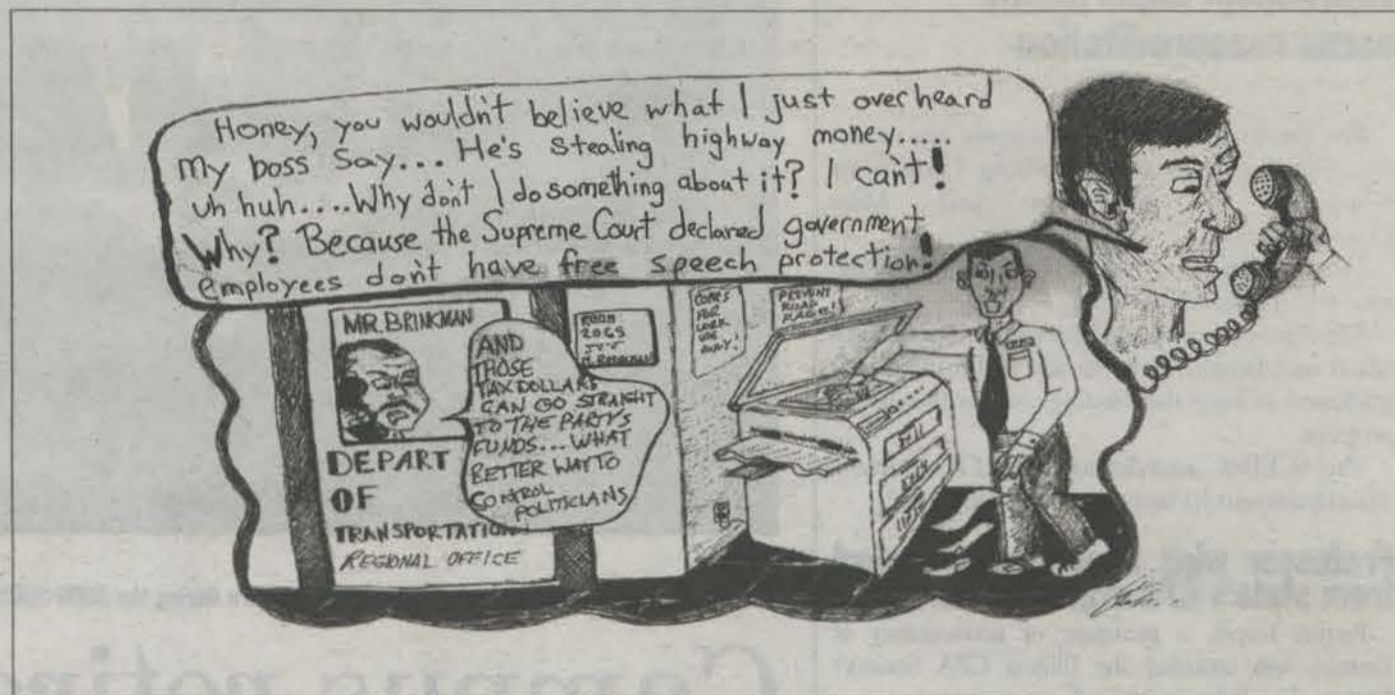
Eastern should offer the examination option to all students. The test would prove whether students know enough about the constitution to opt out of History 3600 and Political Science 1153. Offering the test to students would eliminate the need for multiple sections of the classes.

If enough students do know their constitution, then there is no reason to require the class.

Until this is proven the Council on Academic Affairs should be embarrassed by not requiring the classes and allowing Eastern students to become less educated about their rights and their history.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



COMMENTARY

Hippie agenda falls to fashion

America is quietly protesting anything remotely resembling man-made goods. Overnight, the produce aisles, boxed dinners, and even eggs offer choices that sport an "organic" label on the packages. But the organic revolution does not stop there.

While people are becoming more health-conscious and avoiding genetically modified foods, they are also becoming earthier in their clothing choices. This trend appears to be more prevalent in women's fashion than in men's.

However, I was sickened when I read a transcript of a section of the Today Show in which a style contributor suggested that women accessorize with so-called "organic" jewelry. The section was entitled, "Say bye-bye to bling! Go organic this summer."

When I first saw the headline linked to MSNBC.com, I was happy and thought to myself, we have a few purists out there after all.

Upon scanning the actual article, though, I saw that she was not advising viewers to cut the "bling-bling" out of their lives, but rather to wear a different



CARISSA HAYDEN
GUEST COLUMNIST

"Earth is back in style and rich people pay big money for this false humility."

kind.

The prelude to the article says, "Summer's effortless style should extend to your jewelry. After all, who wants to worry about gems getting lost at the beach, or forgetting your diamonds after a weekend getaway?" but midway through the first paragraph of the transcript, the contributor recommended charm bracelets priced between \$200 and \$5000! What happened to "effortless?"

Granted, I wouldn't want to lose precious gems on vacation, but I wouldn't be too keen on dropping a charm or two off a bracelet that cost \$200-\$5000 either. In fact, it seems to me that this "organic"

jewelry is more bling-bling-ish than the diamonds and gemstones.

Just because a piece of jewelry looks earthy or handmade, it is not necessarily humble. Regardless of what type of jewelry one chooses to wear, if it is high-priced, it will be a status symbol. Jewelry as status equates to bling-bling in my book.

I began the article with high hopes of finding directions for making my own jewelry. Instead, I found where to purchase high-priced jewelry that somebody else made. I thought part of the organic revolution was being self-sufficient and protesting evil corporations, unfair capitalism, and other travesties against the general populace.

And speaking of the hippie credo, this style contributor never even mentioned hemp jewelry. How organic is that?

Moral of the story: earth is back in style and rich people pay big money for this false humility.

Got comments? Let us know at DENeic@gmail.com

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSTITUTION CLASS NOT REPEAT OF HIGH SCHOOL

In response to the article of June 1, 2006 regarding the elimination of the constitution requirement from general education, I am writing to offer a clarification of the content and purpose of History 3600. As an upper-division, writing-intensive course offered by a department with a reputation for very high standards, History 3600 is most definitely not a repeat of a high school constitution class! The course stresses critical

and analytical thinking, expository writing, and explores the historical contexts of the most pressing issues students face as they become full-fledged, responsible citizens of their communities, their nation, and indeed the world. Extremely relevant topics such as national security versus personal liberty, bodily autonomy and the right to privacy, the use and misuse of presidential powers, and due process rights of our legal system, to name but a few, are viewed as they developed within the broader picture of the

historical development of the United States. To my knowledge, these subjects are not "already covered" in high school constitution courses. Admittedly, the course is quite tough, but I hope students looking for a stimulating, enlightening, and personally relevant course as part of their college education will not be dissuaded from enrolling under the misapprehension that they "already know" the material.

DR. LYNN CURRY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Lost Lincoln letters discovered in Maryland attic

■ Letters written after Mary Todd Lincoln's release from sanitarium.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Copies of long-lost letters written by Abraham Lincoln's wife during her stay at a sanitarium have been discovered in a steamer trunk in a Maryland attic, according to a published report.

The Lincolns' son Robert is thought to have burned the letters to hide details about the mental

health of his mother, Mary Todd Lincoln.

Robert Lincoln was instrumental in arranging his mother's 1875 insanity trial and commitment to a private sanitarium in Batavia.

Last summer, historian Jason Emerson, of Fredericksburg, Va., came across photographed and handwritten copies of the letters at the home of the descendants of one of Robert's family lawyers. Emerson also uncovered a 111-page manuscript about Mary Todd Lincoln's insanity case.

The manuscript was written by the granddaughter of Mary's legal

advisers, Myra and James Bradwell. The find won't cause a major rewrite of history, but will add detail to what's known, one Lincoln expert said.

"Clearly, everyone is going to look at this," Lincoln expert Tom Schwartz, interim director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, told the (Springfield) State Journal-Register.

"I don't see any major revelations, but again, I'm not working on an extensive biography of any of the leading players, either," Schwartz said.

"So much of the story has been pieced together by existing information."

Emerson is writing a book for Southern Illinois University Press about the letters.

"(The letters) show Mary questioning her religious faith, illuminate her continuing mania about money and clothing, and perhaps most interesting, reveal the Bradwells to have been more instrumental than previously known both in securing her release and in causing her resentment of Robert," Emerson writes in the June-July issue of American Heritage

magazine.

Some of the 25 Mary Todd Lincoln letters Emerson discovered were written during her visit to Europe after her release from Bellevue Place, the sanitarium in Batavia. Her mental state had improved by then, the letters reveal.

"They are calm, rational and cogent, full of descriptions of her travels and inquiries about friends and events at home," Emerson writes in the magazine.

The historian believes the lawyers of Robert Lincoln and wife, Mary Harlan Lincoln, kept copies of the letters and stored them.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kyle Hatton, a sophomore physical education major, walks home from Fourth Street and Polk Avenue on Monday afternoon. Walking commuters must walk in the streets until the sidewalk construction is complete.

Construction to continue through fall

BY BRITTANY MORGAN
CITY REPORTER

Over a million dollars is being spent on sidewalk construction projects this year, including Polk Avenue, Second Street and Division Street.

Kurt Buescher, director of Public Works, said last year was design year for the sidewalks and this year is the construction year.

The three main projects include, Polk Avenue, from Division to Sixth streets; Second Street, from Sixth to

Division streets; and Division Street, from Harrison to State streets, said Buescher.

Mayor John Inyart said that replacing the old sidewalks is an ongoing process as they also widened several of the streets in Charleston.

The new sidewalks have been completed on Polk Avenue. The project on Second Street will be started in July, said Buescher.

Buescher also said, the sidewalk construction could last until October 2006 but at the latest all the projects, including road widen-

ing and resurfacing, will be completed by Thanksgiving of 2006.

Inyart said all of the construction would be finished before the first snow this year.

The money to pay for the construction comes from the Motor Fuel Tax.

This is the tax on the sale of gasoline that Charleston residents pay, said Inyart.

Buescher said, "The biggest benefit will be having nice new streets compared to the dilapidated streets that have been there for years."

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GABBARD:

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visit his parents and meeting their students.

"They had an adoring bunch of students," said Gabbard. "I would walk in and they thought I was a god because I had these two people for parents."

Former student Gretchen Taylor took a theater class with Gabbard and said that Gabbard demanded respect from her students. "We didn't respect anyone," said Taylor. "But we respected her because she was Lucy."

Taylor described the New Orleans born Gabbard as a true southern woman and an excellent professor.

"Students who were able to take these classes knew how special they were," said Quivey. "And were truly blessed." After retiring from Eastern in 1986, the Gabbards moved to Chicago.

"She said that she took early retirement to follow a dream of being an actress," said Glen Gabbard.

Glen Gabbard said he tried to talk his mother out of pursuing acting but she did not listen to him.

"The moral of the story is don't listen to your kids," said Glen Gabbard.

The couple worked as actors in Chicago and appeared in films, plays, television programs and print ads.

"They just enjoyed a second career," said Quivey.

Working under her maiden name of Lucinda Paquet, Gabbard appeared in "Groundhog Day," "Prelude to a Kiss," "My Best Friend's Wedding," "No Mercy," "Novocaine," and "Children on Their

"She's one of those people it's difficult to talk about without using words like amazing and extraordinary."

DR. JAMES QUIVEY,

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR WHEN GABBARD WAS A PROFESSOR

Birthdays."

While in Chicago, Gabbard played the role of Grandma Joad in the Steppenwolf Theater's production of "The Grapes of Wrath." The production won a Tony Award while it was playing on Broadway in 1990.

In 1994 Gabbard received an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree from Eastern, recognizing her contributions to higher education and the acting community.

"She had an intellectual quality," said Krin Gabbard. "That you wouldn't neces-

sarily expect."

"She was brilliant," said Quivey, "and had time for everyone and found something to respect in everyone."

After moving to Houston in 2001 Gabbard appeared in "Sin City," and "The Wendell Baker Story."

"I went to Houston to spend time with her before she died," said Krin Gabbard.

"She died before I flew home so I was staying in her apartment and again and again people would walk up to me and say how sorry they were, but they would go on and on about her and describe her as a surrogate mother to them."

"In many respects she was a mother to a lot of us," said Quivey. "She's one of those people it's difficult to talk about without using words like amazing and extraordinary."

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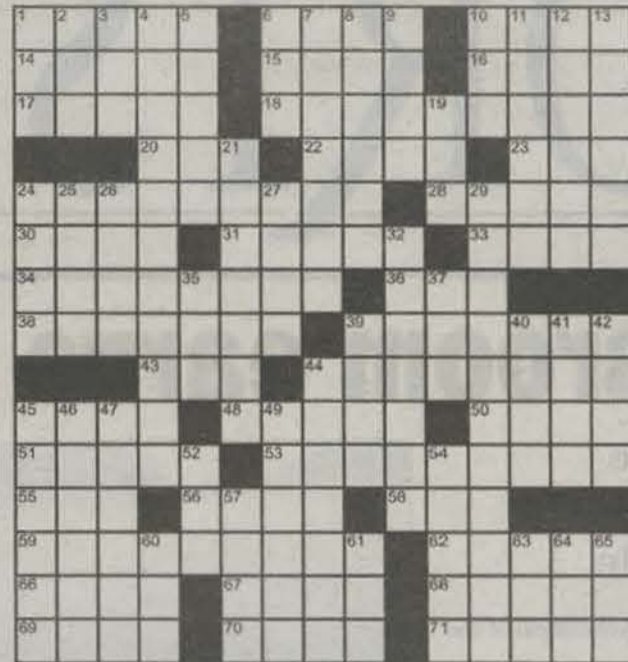
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- 43 Investor's option, for short
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- 35 "My dear man"
- 37 Lodge member
- 39 Metric prefix
- 40 Skirt style
- 41 "___ first ..."
- 42 Hardy heroine
- 44 Cookie, e.g.
- 45 Like some Bedouins
- 46 Preserved, as sounds
- 47 Full-price payers
- 49 Wagnerian heroine
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The other delay that the city faced was a larger than expected bid for one of the phases of the project.

The project delay was divided into phases pertaining to certain sections. Phase III, which would handle the construction of the zero-depth pool, installation of the filtration system, etc., was opened for bids in November. The city received only one bid from A&R Mechanical to handle all of Phase III for \$2 million. Because of the cost of the bid, Phase III was divided into five contracts which were opened for bids. Eventually, the city was able to get the people needed for the work on Phase III and keep it under budget.

Despite the setbacks, the renovations are still progressing and will be done by the summer. "We have excellent contractors who have worked their tails off," said Scott Smith, the city manager who oversaw the project since its beginning two years ago.

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SPORTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Work in the classroom earns high reward

■ Balancing athletics and education may be difficult for some, but as this athlete shows, the balancing act is by no means impossible

By BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern cross country and track runner Dan Strackeljahn was named to the Academic All-District V team for his efforts athletically as well as academically.

Strackeljahn also won the Ohio Valley Conference's Scholar Athlete of the year after earning a 3.87 grade point average.

"It feels great to receive this honor," Strackeljahn said.

Strackeljahn was the leading finisher for Panther cross country in the fall, finishing third out of 78 runners and was named to First Team All-OVC.

Strackeljahn started running in seventh grade and stayed with it because he enjoyed it and was doing well.

Cross Country Head Coach Geoff Masanet is impressed with the way that Strackeljahn is able to balance his athletics, schoolwork and his other extra-curricular activities.

The career and technical education major has volunteered for the Special Olympics, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is part of the Sigma Alpha Lambda leadership and honors society and the

Eastern chapter of the Trade Association of the Graphic Arts.

"If I could duplicate him 40 times, I would," Masanet said.

Strackeljahn earned All-OVC for indoor track in March after finishing second in the mile, fourth in the 3000-meter run and also was a part of the distance medley relay team that took first place.

Strackeljahn was also named First Team All-OVC for outdoor track after finishing first in the 1500-meter run and third in the 800-meter run.

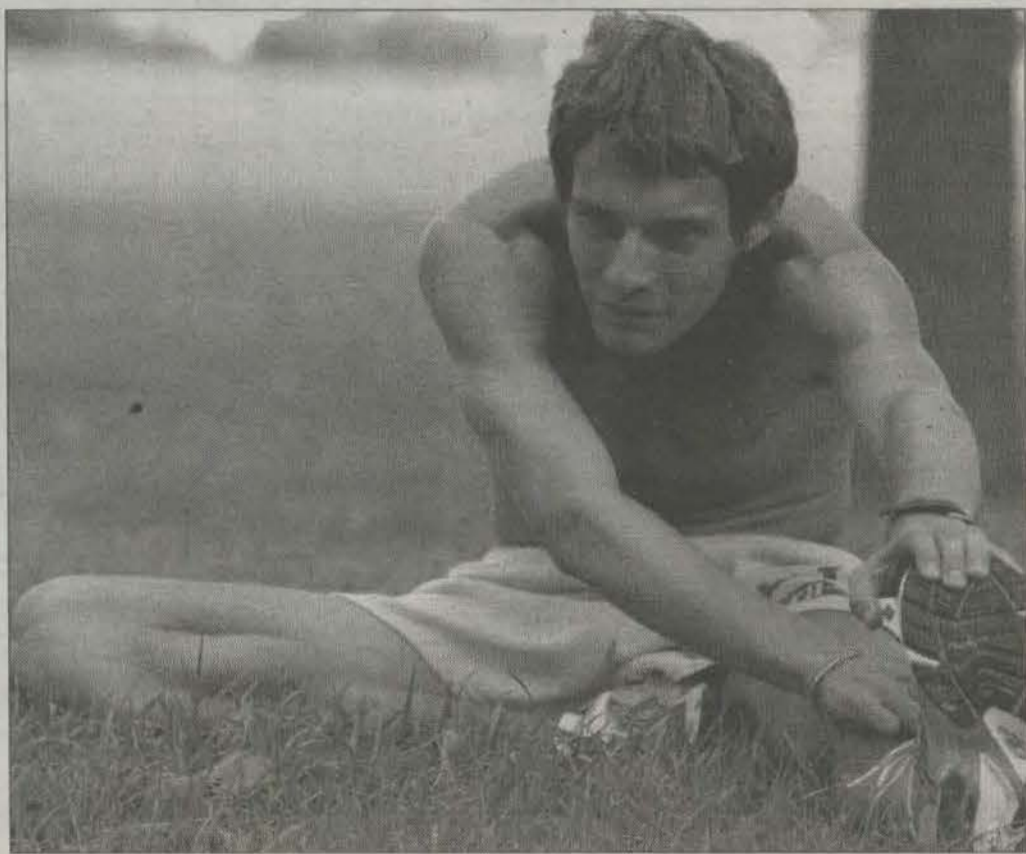
Track and Field Head Coach Tom Akers expects Strackeljahn to continue to be a very strong leader as well as help other guys follow in his footsteps.

"When you see somebody who is focused on the right things and works real hard, you know good things will happen," Akers said.

Strackeljahn hopes to make nationals next year in the 1500 after falling about a second and a half short of qualifying this year.

Other personal goals for next season include making a run at the school records for the indoor mile and the outdoor 1500 meters.

Masanet said that Strackeljahn's time of 3:47.32 in the 1500 is the sixth best in school



FILE PHOTO

Senior Dan Strackeljahn stretches during cross country practice last fall. Strackeljahn was recently awarded Academic All-District V honors for maintaining a 3.87 grade point average.

history.

Strackeljahn is now a three-time selection to the OVC commissioner's honor roll and views

education as more important than athletics.

"My education will bring me greater success in later parts of my life," Strackeljahn said.

Four players get honored for their contributions

■ Next season brings promise as three juniors and a freshman earn conference recognition

By CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's baseball team recently had four members receive All-Ohio Valley Conference honors.

Mark Chagnon was selected as a first-team outfielder, while Adam Varrassi and Erik Huber were selected as second-team shortstop and first basemen. Brett Nommensen rounded out the group as a selection to the All-Freshman team.

"We worked hard all season long, I mean obviously we didn't finish the way we wanted to, but it's good to get a little recognition for all the work we put in," Chagnon said.

Chagnon's batting average was second on the team (.380); he also led the team in RBI's (41) and sacrifice hits (10), as well as stood out on defense. Chagnon did not commit any errors during the season.

Head coach Jim Schmitz says that these four players did a lot of things to help out the team and are deserving of the honors they received.

"We did not have a great offensive year, besides Chagnon and Huber.



PHOTO BY JOHN BAILEY

Eastern first baseman Erik Huber fields a bunt attempt against Southern Illinois on April 19 at Coaches Stadium. Huber is one of three players to receive All-OVC honors for the 2006 season.

Nobody really had a great year offensively, we won a lot of games because of our defense behind a good pitching staff," Schmitz said.

Huber led the team in batting average (.404) and hits (80), while coming in second on the team in RBI's (39). Huber was also the only player on the team to start every game during the season.

"With the way the tournament went, you throw the awards away now. We know we have to work even harder next year so that doesn't happen again," Huber said.

Varrassi played a major role in Eastern leading the OVC in double plays. Varrassi was a part of 40 of Eastern's double plays and also contributed on offense. Varrassi led all

OVC shortstops in doubles (10) and RBI's (29). Varrassi was also second on the team in sacrifice hits (8) helping to advance runners all season.

"I made the move to play Varrassi at shortstop at the end of last year, and he has just been phenomenal," Schmitz said. "He made a lot of outstanding plays."

Nommensen exceeded all expectations coming in as a freshman. Nommensen solidified the leadoff spot and managed to get on base in front of Chagnon and Huber throughout the season, which contributed to their RBI totals. Nommensen led the team in stolen bases (11), tied for the team lead in runs scored (46) with Chagnon and led the team in walks (29).

Despite Eastern having three outstanding outfielders, Nommensen stood out as a dominant defensive player.

He made several highlight reel catches this season and was a big part of the win over Austin Peay earlier this season.

In back-to-back innings he robbed the same batter of a potential home run and two-out double with two spectacular catches.

"I think next year we are going to be strong, we just have to work as a team. I think we'll be one of the top hitting teams in the OVC," Nommensen said. "I think we just need to get some starting pitchers that will get us to the fifth, sixth or seventh inning."

With Chagnon, Huber and Varrassi all being juniors this past season, and Nommensen being a freshman, the team expects their success to grow next season.

All four of the players feel that with some hard work in the off-season the team has a chance to be a lot better next season.