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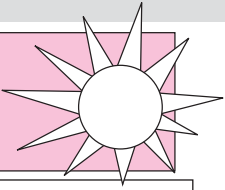
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## Rookie treatment



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Phi Beta Sigma fraternity members Matthew Manuel, a sophomore accounting major, Brian Davis, a senior political science major and Darvel Lewis, a senior family services major, leave their new home in Greek Court Tuesday afternoon. Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the first members of the Black Greek Council to live in Greek Court, moved in this week.

## Black greeks move to Greek Court

Phi Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma Theta take first step to integration

By BETSY COLE  
Campus editor

It's been a week of firsts for members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

As the first two groups in the Black Greek Council to move into Greek Court, members spent the first week of classes integrating the block of houses on 9th St. previously reserved for predominately white greek houses only.

Kelly Miller, Greek Court coordinator, said Eastern is the first college in Illinois and the second in the United States to provide on-campus housing to members of the Black Greek council as well as the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils.

Marcus Fizer, member of Phi Beta Sigma, said the group has spent most of the week organizing and getting

used to its new quarters.

"We haven't had time to socialize with other fraternities and sororities in Greek Court, but we've heard indirectly about others who want to join us in fund raising," Fizer said.

Fizer said one of the group's goals in its new home is to promote a positive image of black males in the community.

Darvel Lewis, president of Black Greek Council and member of Phi Beta Sigma said he thinks the new living quarters will attract more members to the organizations.

"People will see that this is a multi-million dollar project, so apparently the university respects us and feels that we are a growing organization," he said.

Miller said when members of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils moved into Greek Court, the number of members in each

group increased seven to eight percent.

"Hopefully that will happen with Black Greek Council and will in turn help to recruit minorities to the university," Miller said.

Nikki Jenkins, member of Delta Sigma Theta said the white sororities haven't interacted with her group since they moved in.

"Since Greek Court was built, there have been only white sororities here," Jenkins said. "It will be a gradual process for us to get used to them and them to get used to us."

Ceci Brinker, assistant director of student activities, said she is optimistic about the results of the integration.

"It will unify the greek system and do wonders for greek relations between blacks and whites," Brinker said. "Eastern is setting a precedent for on-campus greek housing."

## Decision time

### VP calls increases 'bare bone,' asks for senate's approval

By SCOTT BOEHMER  
Student government editor

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said Wednesday he wants to give the Student Senate the final say in deciding whether to approve the recommendations for a tuition and fee increase for the 1996-97 school year.

"When we're talking about fee increases, the final decision is yours," Hencken said. Many of the suggested fee increases are "bare bone" already, and some services may have to be changed if the increases aren't passed, he added.

"If things are really as bone dry as he says, then I can see maybe (approving) a minimal increase," said senate member Josh Tucker.

The senate Wednesday was the first group to discuss the suggested increases, yet no specific amounts were disclosed. Hencken said the amount of the fee increases should remain around the inflation rate.

The senate will vote on the final increase proposal at its Aug. 30 meeting. The Board of Governor's, Eastern's governing board, is scheduled to approve the tuition and fee increase proposal at its Sept. 21 meeting.

Last year, the BOG approved a tuition increase of 3.5 percent for the 1995-96 school year.

Hencken said he is requiring all organizations to submit their fee requests to him by this Friday, and said he would meet with the directors early next week, "and they'll have to justify them (the increases) to me."

"We're going to bring in what we honestly think we need," Hencken said. "I promise I won't try to do anything political here."

Hencken said he advised the organizations to try to keep their overall increase requests in line with the current inflation rate. Hencken did not specify any increases, but did say the textbook rental fee would not increase.

"I'm the gate keeper on this, and every director's going to come and they're going to be responsible for their own presentation (at the Aug. 30 senate meeting)," Hencken said.

Hencken said the date of approval for tuition and fee increases was moved up to better inform the campus about why the increases are needed.

"Last year it seemed like every week someone was talking about fee increases," Hencken said. "One of the things we really wanted to do (this year) was to get the

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## Panther's Lounge to reopen featuring topless dancers

By JOHN FERAH  
Senior news reporter

While his liquor license remains suspended, owner Mike Bickers is opening Panther's Lounge for topless dancing shows beginning Friday and private functions also can be booked for future dates.

On Friday night, topless dancers will perform at Panther's from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Customers must be 18 to enter, and no alcohol will be allowed at the establishment. Bickers said a \$3 cover charge will be required to enter.

Bickers said he is still fighting Mayor Dan Cougill's decision to revoke Panther's liquor license. Last spring, Cougill, acting as liquor commissioner, terminated Bickers' license after citing the tavern for allowing underage students to drink on different occasions.

However, attorney Greg Bonelli of Mattoon said a hearing will take place late next month in Coles County Circuit Court regarding the appeal. Bonelli is representing Bickers' court case.

Even though Bickers' license has been temporarily revoked, Bonelli said Bickers hasn't lost

use of the site, despite efforts by Cougill to close down Panther's permanently.

Cougill and the Charleston City Council have discussed allowing facilities to hold only three alcoholic functions per year, which would limit Bickers' business at Capone's and Panther's. The new liquor ordinance is on display for public inspection and will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Capone's, which is also operated by Bickers, is located on Illinois Route 130 and open to rent for private functions.

With the opening of Panther's

for topless dance shows Friday night, Bickers said no alcohol will be allowed inside. Cola products and juices will be sold as alternatives.

"We're just trying to get enough money to pay off the rent and the taxes on the property," Bickers said. "Once we get the (liquor) license back we'll probably quit the topless dancing (shows)."

While his appeal still pends, Panther's will be available as a banquet center for private functions. Groups such as fraternity-sorority functions, non-alcoholic teen nights, auctions,

and even baby showers and wedding receptions can be held there, he said.

For private functions, those individuals renting out Panther's could determine the age requirement for private guests, Bickers said. If alcohol will be present, Bickers said patrons must be 21 to consume it.

Charleston Police Chief Herb Steidinger said he not would comment whether police would monitor Panther's or conduct a sting operation while Panther's opens as a juice bar with topless

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# Mel Reynolds considers resigning from Congress

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds is considering resigning from Congress and preparing for prison after his sexual misconduct conviction and still faces more legal trouble — a federal investigation of his finances.

Reynolds was convicted Tuesday on charges that he had sex with former campaign worker Beverly Heard when she was 16 and 17. He also was found guilty of asking her to get him lewd photographs of a 15-year-old girl and trying to sabotage the investigation of the case.

The most serious charge, criminal sexual assault, carries a mandatory minimum sentence of four years in prison.

Reynolds' attorneys were already preparing his appeal on Wednesday and did not return phone calls immediately.

Reynolds would not comment when he visited his Chicago office, but Reynolds' confidant said the congressman is considering resigning from office.

"He's very philosophical about it," said the source, who asked to remain anonymous. "He's come to the conclusion that in life things happen, as he put it, and you have to face them and move on and try to rebuild." The conviction does not automatically remove Reynolds from his House seat. The House ethics committee could open its own investigation and recommend expulsion, censure or reprimand of Reynolds. The panel's recommendation is not binding on the full House.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Wednesday, however, that he won't push for a vote to oust

Reynolds. "He's got to make that decision" whether to resign, Gingrich said at a Hoover, Ala., book signing. He added that Reynolds "hasn't even been sentenced yet and we've got to wait and see." U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Chicago, called on Reynolds to resign, but other politicians from Mayor

**“ He's come to the conclusion that in life things happen, as he put it, and you have to face them and move on and try to rebuild.”**

**— Source close to Reynolds**

Richard M. Daley to Gov. Jim Edgar said it was Reynolds' decision.

Reynolds' political career, however, seems destroyed midway through his second term. Four potentially strong Democrats, including the son of civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, are interested in his congressional seat. No political leaders have rallied to Reynolds' side.

Quitting the House would bring more woes for Reynolds, who would lose his \$133,600 salary as a congressman — roughly \$11,000 a month.

Reynolds has already said his finances are ruined and he will lose the home he and his wife, Marisol, purchased last year in suburban Dolton. Banks have sued them for more than

\$100,000 in unpaid loans.

Their purchase of the house provides one potential link between the sex case against Reynolds and an ongoing federal investigation of his personal, campaign and congressional finances.

Evidence at the sex trial showed the couple made the \$26,000 down payment with \$11,000 from their savings account and a \$15,000 check written on an account controlled by Mrs. Reynolds. That account is under review by federal investigators.

Federal investigators attended the sex trial when Reynolds testified. But they left the court when he received immunity to discuss evidence that he tried to obstruct the sex investigation with payments to Heard's former attorney and another woman who claimed to have had underage sexual relations with him.

The immunity means that what Reynolds said on the stand can't be used against him. The federal authorities left to protect their right to pursue charges independent of Reynolds' testimony.

Federal authorities refused to comment or confirm they are investigating Reynolds.

Cook County Judge Fred Suria set a Sept. 12 hearing date for post-trial motions but set no sentencing date for Reynolds. He remains free on a personal recognizance bond.

Prosecutors are not saying what sentence they will seek beyond the minimum for criminal sexual assault. But they will seek to have Reynolds jailed pending his appeal.

## Jesse Jackson Jr. may take empty seat

CHICAGO (AP) — The name's the same, the face is new.

And Jesse Jackson Jr. knows his name is powerful — maybe powerful enough to propel him into the congressional seat of Rep. Mel Reynolds, whose career seems doomed by conviction on sexual misconduct charges.

Reynolds, 43, a two-term Democrat whose district spans Chicago's South Side and into southern suburbs, was convicted Tuesday of underage sexual relations with a teen-age campaign volunteer.

The Rhodes scholar who rose from the Mississippi cotton fields to the halls of Congress was also found guilty of obstructing justice and child pornography. He faces a minimum mandatory sentence of four years and is generally viewed in Chicago as washed up politically.

Jackson has picked Sept. 9 as his campaign's launch date. Frank Watkins, his father's political mentor going back to the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, already has signed up as co-campaign manager.

"Obviously, the name Jesse Jackson has it's advantages," the civil rights leader's 30-year-old son said Wednesday as he signed up new voters at Chicago State University in Reynolds' 2nd Congressional District.

"I inherit my father's friends, although I have not earned them," the earnest-sounding about-to-be candidate says. "But I also inherit my father's detractors. I expect in the next six months to earn the support of the people and the respect of the voters by my own actions." But success is far from assured.

State Sen. Alice Palmer, D-Chicago, is already running. State Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones, D-Chicago, has toyed with the idea, too. The toughest rival could be state Sen. William Shaw, one half of a brother act with proven punch in the rough and tumble of Chicago politics.

"Jesse Jr. and Alice Palmer would be fighting for the outside vote, and Shaw and Jones would be fighting for the inside vote, that is the party vote," says Governors State University political scientist Paul Green. "If Jones doesn't want to run, then the ward organizations that don't like Shaw ... are going to have to find a player to run." Jackson expects his famous father to campaign hard for him. "I think Jesse Jackson knows me and I think that he would appreciate the positions that I represent," his son says. But that could also prove perilous.

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increase done earlier."

Senate members said they were pleased with Hencken's ideas concerning the increases.

"I think it was great how he came in a non-abrasive way and gave us the (power) to voice the students' opinions on fee increases," senate member Jeff Zilch said.

"I'm a person who wants a lot

of facts and information about something before I can make a decision on it," Senate Speaker Kevin Picket said. "That's the point of Internal Affairs."

Piket said the Internal Affairs committee, of which Zilch is chairman, will gather information on the proposed fee increases and inform the student body.

Senate member Bryan Gutraj

said he "would favor a lower tuition rate and activity fees being raised to improve services."

In other business, the senate voted to approve the appointments of all senate members to their respective committees and the appointment of Kim Harris as senate secretary.

The senate secretary is

appointed by the senate speaker to take attendance and minutes at senate meetings as well as assist the speaker in office-related work. He or she receives \$4.25 per hour.

The senate also accepted the resignations of Randy Hipwell, who accepted an internship, and Steele Secola and Melanie Blum, who resigned because of class

conflicts.

Piket also told the senate that applications for four vacant senate seats can be picked up starting today in the Student Government office in room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and must be returned by August 28. Interviews for the seats will be held August 28.

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dancers.

In January, police busted seven individuals for having alcohol in Panther's while Bickers' license was under 60-day suspension. During that evening, Bickers had

topless dancers from Champaign perform and alcohol wasn't supposed to be allowed inside.

Bickers said his bar always carded patrons entering the bar and it's not his fault some students

used fake IDs and misrepresented themselves to enter Panther's.

Bickers said he's talked to his customers who said they attended other bars on fake IDs before coming to Panther's.

"The Panther's customers were the same ones as those at other bars," Bickers said. "Panther's is a scapegoat. When I sometimes talked to some of my customers outside after we closed, 90 per-

cent of them said they were at other bars before coming (to Panther's). They were drinking the same amount of booze as they were here. It was nothing different."

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# Gov. Edgar to control board appointments

By CHAD GALLAGHER  
Administration editor

With the pending demise of the Board of Governors, the selection of trustees for Eastern's individual governing board is approaching in the Governor's office.

Gov. Jim Edgar, who signed the BOG kill bill in March, is expected to announce his appointed board members for the five schools overseen by the BOG in late September or early October, said Tom Livingston, assistant to the governor for higher education.

The governor has sole authority over the selections of trustees to all of the new boards, Livingston said, but the names of the candidates for the new positions will not be public until they are appointed.

"Fortunately the governor has been around the higher education scene many years and knows most of the trustee candidates," Livingston said. "Right now the governor is right in the middle of the selection process with his staff."

The BOG, the governing body for Eastern and four other state schools, is set for termination Jan. 1 but will remain until Jan. 31 to assist in transition with the five newly formed boards.

Jill Nilsen, special assistant to Eastern President David Jorns, said although Eastern has no authority in choosing its board members, she is confident the governor will make choices in the

best interest of the school.

"I believe the governor has the best interests of Eastern at heart," Nilsen said. "It is the university's responsibility to turn in the names of who we feel would do the best job, and we have done so."

Trustee candidates for Eastern's new board have been

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**— Jill Nilsen,  
Special assistant to  
Eastern President  
David Jorns**

recommended to the governor by Eastern President David Jorns, Eastern's Alumni Association and various interested individuals, said Nilsen.

The BOG will be replaced by individual boards at Eastern, Chicago State University in Chicago, Governors State University in University Park, Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago and Western Illinois University in Macomb.

The individual boards will consist of seven trustees, and no board can have more than four trustees of the same political party, Livingston said.

The new boards will begin governance Jan. 1.



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## Early increase plan leaves students out of final decision

The Board of Governor's decision to vote a month early on tuition and fee increases for the 1996-97 school year is a poor one.

The cancellation of the board's October meeting as well as the board's approaching demise have pushed the deadline for proposals up a month, causing administrators to propose increases at the Aug. 31 BOG meeting.

The board will vote on the increases at its Sept. 21 meeting instead of the usual October date.

This action removes the student body's voice from a critical decision-making process.

The Student Senate will not see the proposed increases until the day before they are brought to the BOG. While the figures will be brought to the board accompanied by an asterisk reading "pending Student Government approval," the time allotted for such approval is not sufficient.

The senate will have three weeks to approve or reject the tuition and fee increases – not nearly enough time to hold a referendum or distribute a survey asking students if they want the increases.

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said he won't know exact figures for the proposed increases or what areas will request them until Aug. 30. As for an increase in tuition, he said only that "If I had to bet, I would say yes."

Last year, the BOG approved a 3.5 percent tuition hike and a \$13.35 increase in student fees for the 1995-96 school year. Asking students to swallow additional tuition and fee hikes for the 1996-97 school year without allowing them sufficient time to argue for or against them is unfair.

The board knew in March that it would be abolished in less than a year. Members knew long before March that their eventual demise was probable.

Undoubtedly, the board has its hands full with last minute transition details and planning for its abolition. But students should remain the board's first priority until Jan. 1 when the break up is official.

Discounting student input and rushing a vote on an issue as important as a tuition and fee increase indicate the board's priorities are elsewhere.

## today's quote

Haste makes waste.

– John Heywood

## Faulkner's race has already been won

Eight women stood on the verge of history in 1928.

Most of them fell flat. These eight female athletes – two from Germany, two from Canada and others from the United States, Japan, Sweden and Poland – stood at the starting line of the 800-meter run at the 1928 Olympic games in Amsterdam, Holland. They were the first women ever to run in the event, since the games had previously confined women to distances of 200 meters or less.

Their results were less than spectacular. Under-trained and overanxious, the women sprinted the whole way and collapsed after the race. Many were given emergency medical assistance. The sight was so foul it moved the International Amateur Athletic Federation to ban women from running races longer than 200 meters until 1960.

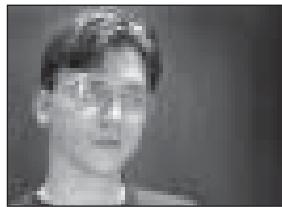
One wonders if there were dozens of male track athletes standing on the sides cheering as they fell, much like there were cadets dancing in the rain at The Citadel after Shannon Faulkner's demise. After a two-and-a-half year battle to get in to the all-male military school, Faulkner quit after she couldn't take "Hell Week," the intense opening week of drilling.

"I don't think there's any dishonor in leaving," she said after announcing her decision. "I think there's dis-justice in my staying and killing myself just for the political point."

Faulkner's failure to finish school proves nothing about a woman's right to attend The Citadel. In the end, it may only serve as a weapon to delay the inevitable – the desegregation of the 152-year-old institution.

It was Faulkner's weight, not her gender, that doomed her days at The Citadel. She was 20 pounds overweight and, as it would be for anyone with that kind of extra baggage, couldn't handle the rigors of a military workout.

But the issue doesn't change. How can a publicly-funded institution deny women the right to attend? School officials offer no serious answers and are instead trying to push a separate-but-equal doctrine that went out with the 1954



CHRIS SEPER  
Guest columnist

*"It was Faulkner's weight, not her gender, that doomed her days at The Citadel."*

Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education that ended racial segregation.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that let Faulkner in The Citadel also said South Carolina may offer single-gender education to men and women. So a \$10 million women's program is being proposed at Converse College at Spartanburg to keep women away from The Citadel.

But this new program would not give women the same opportunities a diploma from the prestigious Citadel would, thus violating other Supreme Court decisions that demand equal opportunities for women.

Thankfully, other worthy women have stepped up to take Faulkner's place. Two unnamed women are preparing to file class action suits against The Citadel. If a class action suit succeeds, the decision would cover any woman who would enter the school.

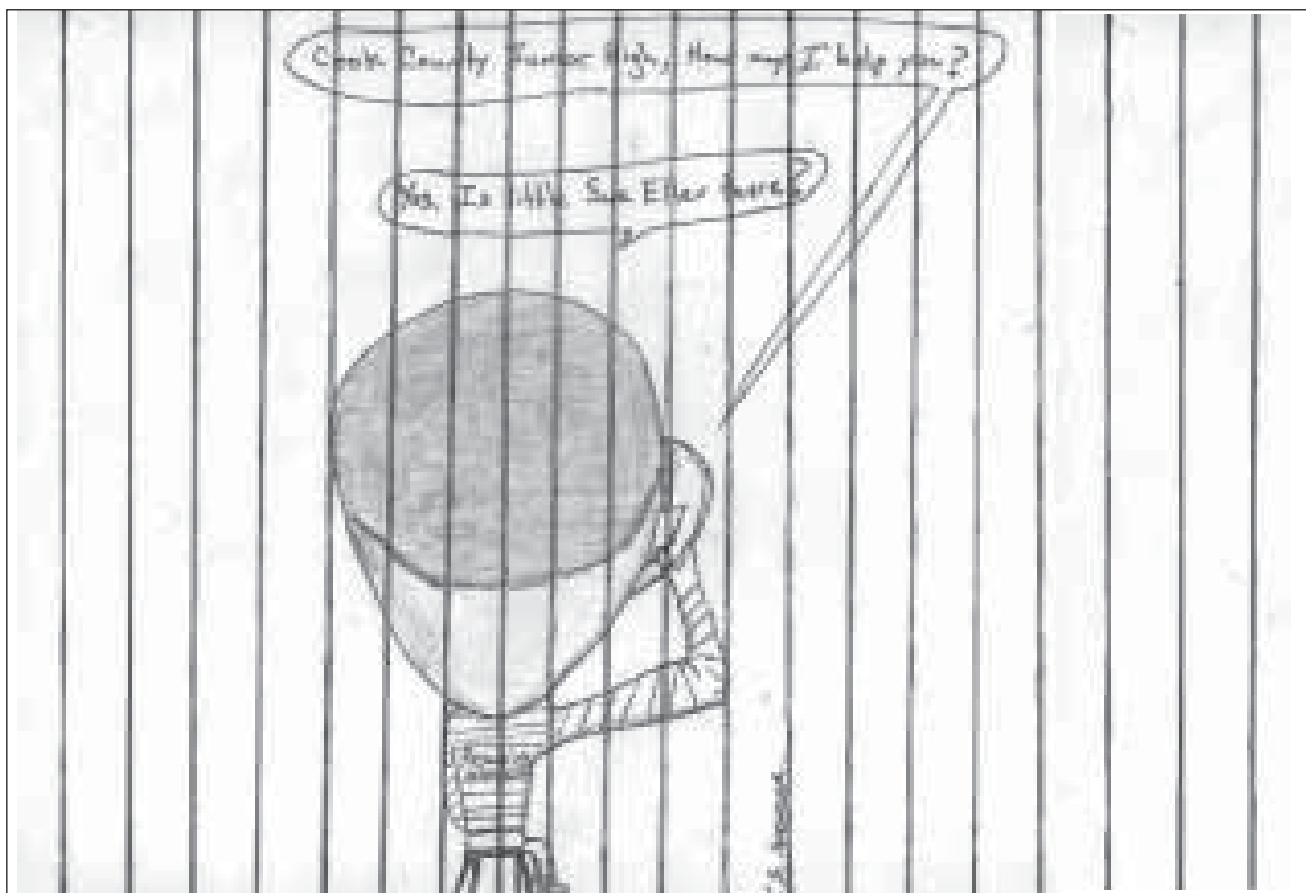
Thanks to Faulkner's failure, the next female cadet will get a tougher time once she gets in The Citadel. But the next cadet will be tougher, the right weight and determined to pick up where Faulkner left off.

And maybe the 1928 Olympic mishap will serve as a lesson today. Since the 1928 tumble, a woman holds the world record for swimming across the English Channel, women dominate the 1,100-mile Iditarod dog sled race, and women run a 100-meter race only a half-second slower than men.

So what is The Citadel delaying? Chances are, female versions of Colin Powell, George Patton and Norman Schwarzkopf may fall by the wayside all in the name of '90s chauvinism.

But Shannon Faulkner's fall wasn't the end of women trying to get into The Citadel. It was simply the gun sounding the start of the final lap.

– Chris Seper is editorial page editor and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



## City's legal system was student's worst enemy last year

Dear editor:

I, Sarah Niehaus, a student at Eastern, have been instructed by Judge Dale Cini to deliver a letter to you. This letter includes the results of my arrest for a fraudulent identification card.

As many other Eastern students are looking forward to the start of the fall semester, I too am eager to get back on campus. Unfortunately, I cannot be comfortable with the lifestyle most college students acquire, due to the strict enforcement of the law in Charleston. Last May I was one of the individuals charged with fraudulent identification. Indeed, I was wrong for falsifying my age, but am I any different from many other college students on any campus?

Reminiscing about my experiences at Eastern last year, I must say that the

## your turn

legal system is my worst enemy and I hope not to experience it again. The approach the legal system took made me feel like a villain or a murderer. I believe a penalty is deserved, but I think Cini was harsh on first-time offenders like myself. I realize that he is trying to make an example out of me as well as the other students arrested. I received a \$500 fine and one-year license suspension, which is the maximum penalty for a fraudulent identification card. It frustrates me to think that drunk drivers in some cases only lose their licenses for three months on a DUI arrest. A drunk driver endangers his life as well as innocent bystanders, while I only affected my life.

For a broken law there must be a consequence. However, the consequence should be a just one. Considering the facts, I was one of the unlucky ones who gets to set an exam-

ple for all Eastern students. The city of Charleston does not mess around when it comes to underage drinking. Be careful freshmen, the system may slap the harshest penalty on you too.

Sarah Niehaus

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# Students remember deceased Eastern graduate, frat member

By BRIAN HUCHEL  
City editor

Friends of an Eastern student killed in an Aug. 5 car accident in West Chicago said they will miss Paul Knox's good friendship and ability to help others.

Dave Brault, a close friend of recently departed Knox, a 1995 Eastern graduate and Sigma Chi fraternity brother, was the equivalent of a big brother and will be missed by all.

"When I transferred here, he kind of took me under his wing in the fraternity and helped me fit into the Eastern system," said Brault, a senior health studies major. Knox and Brault were members of Sigma Chi.

Knox was killed after the car driven by his girlfriend Mindie Rief, 23, of St. Louis - also an Eastern graduate - was struck by another car at 1:20 a.m. Aug. 5 near Illinois Route 38 in West Chicago.

Following the accident, Knox was taken to Central Dupage Hospital in West Chicago where he was pronounced dead at 2:27 a.m. because of massive internal bleeding.

Rief was taken to Delnor

Hospital in Geneva for several broken bones. She was released and his recuperating at her parent's home in Belleville.

Brault said Knox was a big influence on him when he came to Eastern and the two grew close.

"If you're his friend, he totally takes you in," Brault said. "It's almost indescribable."

Brault said Knox was always young at heart during his years at Eastern.

"He wanted to be 15 years old the rest of his life," Brault said.

Bob McLaughlin, a junior political science major and friend of Knox, said Knox loved sharing his knowledge with younger people. Knox was part of the rush recruitment of students during his five years in Sigma Chi.

Almost 200 former and current Sigma Chi members who had met Knox attended his Aug. 8 funeral, McLaughlin said.

Knox graduated from Eastern last spring with a bachelor's degree in education and was scheduled to interview for a teaching position at Glenbard North High School in West Chicago the day before the accident.

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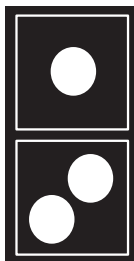
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## Gov. Edgar supports college debit cards bill

By SCOTT BOEHMER  
Student government editor

Gov. Jim Edgar has said that he will sign a bill implementing a debit card system at college campuses only if the effective date of the bill is pushed back.

Senate Bill 93, which was sent to Edgar in May, was sent back to the General Assembly by Edgar, who said he would approve the bill only if the effective date on it was changed from Jan. 1, 1996, to July 1, 1996.

The current bill would implement a student debit card system that would allow students to place money into an account and receive a card that could be used to purchase products at various merchants throughout the community.

The card would be valid at both university-sponsored businesses and some privately-owned businesses who are willing to participate.

Edgar said in a July 21 fax to the Illinois Senate that the effective date of the system should be pushed back "to allow more time for retailers and universities to carefully craft appropriate agreements with each other and begin the program at a more logical point in the state and academic budget process."

Bryan Gutraj, a member of Eastern's Debit Card Committee last year, said the debit card plan is scheduled to be in effect at Eastern by September of

1996. However, Gutraj said he also hopes to have a temporary system in effect for the summer of 1996 to test the feasibility of the system.

"If Gov. Edgar signs that bill, we would have to incorporate businesses into (the debit card system) by law," Gutraj said, adding he anticipates the bill being passed by Edgar and the General Ass-embly.

Gutraj said if the debit card bill is passed, privately owned stores will have to be able to participate in the debit card system as soon as it is implemented.

Ira Barrett, owner and manager of Tokens, University Village on Lincoln Ave., said he plans to accept the debit card when it is implemented, after all the details of the system are worked out.

"I'm sure (the debit cards) will help," Barrett said. "It certainly makes me compete with the University for goods and services."

However, Barrett said he is sure there will be kinks in the system initially and is concerned how the university will handle problems such as lost cards and fraud.

"I don't think they've (the university) fully investigated all the ramifications this has," Barrett said.

Ryan Cox, manager of Triple Play Sports Center, 1414 Sixth St., said he plans to accept the debit cards as well.

## Overseas teaching available

By BETSY COLE  
Campus editor

Eastern students interested in student teaching overseas can apply now to do so as early as spring semester 1996 thanks to a program called the Consortium of Overseas Student Teaching.

The application deadline is Sept. 1 for the spring semester and Feb. 1 for fall semester 1996. Applications are available in room 213 of Buzzard Building.

The program provides the opportunity "to work with culturally diverse students, to live in a country which may be significantly different than our own and to compare our system of education with others," said Mahmoud Butt, campus coordinator for the consortium

and chairman of secondary education and the foundation.

The program is available to all teacher certification candidates with a minimum 3.0 GPA who have completed student teaching prerequisites.

Students involved in the program can study in 13 countries, including the continents of Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Latin America and Asia, Butt said.

Participating schools are international schools which consist of local students as well as an international student population. Instruction in these schools is conducted primarily in the English language, Butt said.

And while no foreign language proficiency is required, Butt said it is advantageous to have some

knowledge of the language spoken in the specified country.

Butt said the program has been a success in the past.

"We sent four students overseas last year," he said. "Those students came back invariably satisfied, with experience and with tremendous personal and professional growth."

"These people get a preference in the job market because of the international, culturally diverse experience," he added.

The cost of this program includes one semester of Eastern tuition, room and board which is approximately \$3,000, a round-trip plane ticket which costs between \$600 and \$1,200 and a program fee of \$700 which covers finding placement and a supervisor.

## BSU to hold membership drive

By REAGAN BRANHAM  
Activities editor

The Black Student Union is jumping into a new school year with the annual recruitment drive to increase membership, said Ceci Brinker, the sponsor of BSU and assistant director for Student Life.

The drive is from Sept. 11-15 and includes many activities to get students involved with the organization and meet new people, Brinker said.

The week will include sign-up tables at various buildings around campus such as Coleman Hall and Carman, Taylor and Thomas resident halls, said Nikki Jenkins, president of BSU.

Also planned for recruitment week is a back-to-school dance, a three-on-three basketball tournament and a double-Dutch tournament, said Jenkins.

Brinker said the primary purpose for the week's events is to encourage new membership, but the group also wants to introduce new and returning

students to the organization.

Brinker encourages new minority students to become involved with BSU to help them adjust to college life at Eastern.

"Typically students, especially minority students, find they have to make a lot of changes (when going away to school) such as social, food and music," Brinker said. "It's easier for them to come to campus and have stuff to do."

Although BSU is primarily a minority group, Brinker said the organization is open to all students regardless of skin color and the activities the group is involved with benefits the entire Eastern community.

After recruitment week, BSU also will be working on Homecoming events such as a dance for Eastern alumni.

Currently, BSU has about 40 returning members. All incoming members must pay a membership fee of either \$12 a year or \$7 per semester, Brinker said.

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# A legend dies



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## Jerry Garcia 1942 - 1995

### Local fans react to end of Grateful Dead era

By MATT FARRIS and SAM McKEE  
Staff writers

To some, Jerry Garcia was a spiritual leader. To others he was a brilliant musician, skilled at the art of improvisational music.

His protruding middle and gray hair brought obvious comparisons to Santa Claus and Father Time.

But most of all, fans recall a man who was true to himself, his music and the legions of spellbound gypsies who followed the Grateful Dead through three decades of music, madness and merry times.

For some, the news hit hard, bringing

uncontrollable sobs. For others, the news was expected. They knew he wasn't in good health.

On Aug. 9, at different places and different times, fans of the Grateful Dead felt a vast emptiness when the news broke that Jerry Garcia had suffered a heart attack and died.

"I wasn't so much shocked when I heard the news as I was saddened," said Kris Choate of Charleston, who has attended several Dead concerts. "It felt like someone hit me in the stomach with a bowling ball."

"Even though I never had the opportunity to meet Jerry, I feel like I've lost a friend I shared this great secret with. Now

that he's gone, that secret, the music, seems more dear to my heart."

The Dead has always been known for its die-hard fans, the Dead Heads, who form caravans, travelling across the country from show to show living in tents, Volkswagen buses and other temporary dwellings.

But over the years, the band's popularity has crossed both class and age boundaries, drawing Generation X as much as the Baby Boomers.

And like former President John F. Kennedy, Garcia's death may make the already famous rocker immortal in the eyes of society.

Sales of Dead music and memorabilia have skyrocketed in the weeks following Garcia's death, said Kirby Johnson, owner of Positively 4th Street Records.

"Jerry Garcia's death has rejuvenated interest in the band," he said.

In another similarity to Kennedy, many fans say they'll remember where and how they heard the grim news.

Andy Gripp, a freshman medical technology major, first heard the news on a Chicago radio station while driving in his car.

"I'm like 'What's going on here?'" said Gripp, wearing a trademark tie-dye Grateful Dead shirt. "It was sad. It's like one of music's legends dying, like John Lennon or something."

Like many legends, 53-year-old Garcia had a unique past, in which he was challenged to overcome adversity in childhood, according to New Yorker Magazine.

When Garcia was five, he watched helplessly as his father was swept away and drowned while fly fishing in a river.

A few years later, Garcia lost part of his middle finger in a wood-chopping accident. The lost digit later became one of the trade marks of his guitar playing.

The Grateful Dead began in the early '60s when Garcia, Bob Weir, Bill Kreutzman, Phil Lesh and Ron "Pigpen" McKernan began playing together as a jug band, Newsweek reported.

Then in 1964, the band took the name "The Warlocks" and began playing electric instruments.

Due to another band calling themselves the Warlocks, the band decided to change its name. In the book "Playing in the Band", Garcia explained the origin of the name The Grateful Dead.

"We were standing around in utter desperation at Phil's house in Palo Alto. There was a huge dictionary, big monolithic thing, and I just opened it up. There in huge black letters was "The Grateful Dead." It just canceled my mind out."

The band went on to pro-



JOHN COX/Photo editor

Kirby Johnson, owner of Positively 4th Street Records, said these Jerry Garcia memorial T-shirts are on their way to being sold out.

duce 28 albums drawing crowds and fans from the stereotypical travelling Dead Heads to young business professionals.

But at the center of the stage was Garcia with his comforting yet common voice and grandfatherly presence — uncommon characteristics for a rock star of his stature.

After years of struggling with his weight, which sometimes reached 300 pounds, drug addictions and smoking about three packs of cigarettes a day, Garcia had begun to reform his ways in recent years. He adopted a vegetarian diet, began exercising and cut down his smoking.

Garcia seemed to expect to live longer in light of his changed ways, but it seems the past had already taken its total on his health.

People magazine reported that Garcia had been working on an interactive, multimedia project, featuring his art and music in recent months. Garcia reportedly declined to include a short autobiography when John Ferriter, who was collaborating with him, suggested it.

"His feeling was that writing an autobiography was premature," Ferriter told People. "He had so much living to do."



JOHN BATES/Staff photographer

Two travelling Dead Heads relax on the tailgate of their pickup prior to a July 8 concert at Soldiers Field in Chicago, where 50,000 people were in attendance. Jerry Garcia put on his final performance the next day.

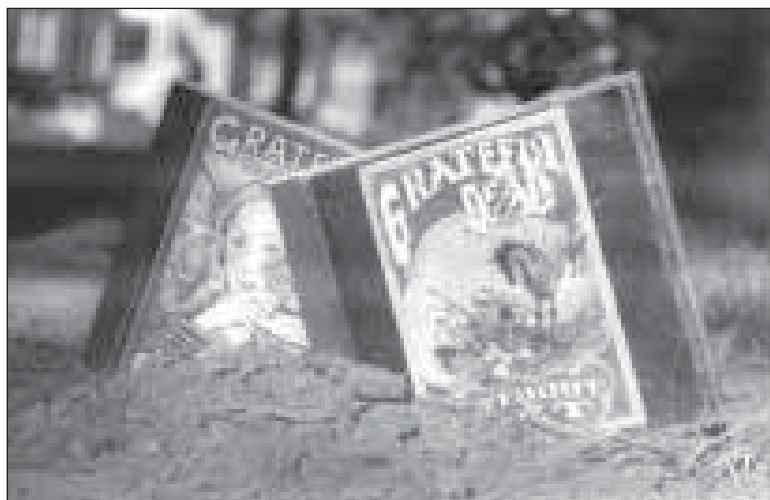


Photo illustration by JOHN COX/Photo editor

Recording 28 albums, the Grateful Dead has left a long musical legacy for its fans, but members aren't sure if they'll continue to record without Jerry Garcia's trademark vocals. However, fans can look forward to the release this fall of a live double-compact disc set, which traces an entire concert performed in 1972 in Germany.

### Band members face uncertain future

By SAM McKEE  
Features editor

Still reeling from the death of their friend and fellow performer, members of the Grateful Dead aren't sure where the road without Jerry Garcia will lead them.

"At the moment, they're just retreating and dealing with what's already happened," long-time Grateful Dead spokesman Dennis McNally said in a phone interview Tuesday.

"They're hanging in there, but it's quite a change."

After touring the world together and working through the crests and troughs of the music business for 30 years, Garcia and the band grew close-knit, McNally said.

"Their relationship was that of most 30-year marriages."

Whether the band members will remain together, form a new band or collaborate with other artists is uncertain, McNally said.

“They're just retreating and dealing with what's already happened.”

— Dennis McNally  
Grateful Dead spokesman

"Every option is possible; no decision has been made."

But mourning fans may find some solace this fall when some previously unreleased music is expected to hit music stores, McNally said.

An entire show from April 26, 1972 in Frankfurt, Germany will be released on a double-compact disc set, McNally said.

But as far as any new music and concert tours, fans will have to wait and see, he said.

"(The band is) in hibernation right now," he said. "When the time comes, they'll start thinking and make a decision."

McNally said the outpouring of support and candlelight vigils around the country were characteristic of the bands entourage of loyal fans.

"I've seen people's warm reactions to Jerry and the band over the years," he said. "The response was heartwarming but not very surprising."



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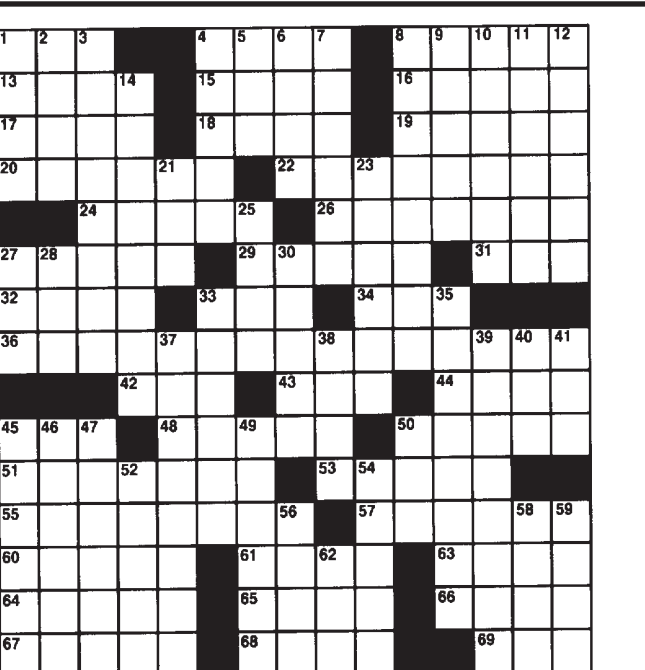
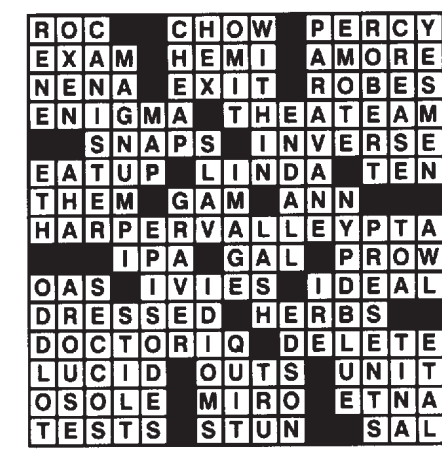
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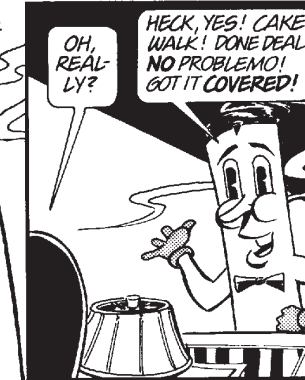
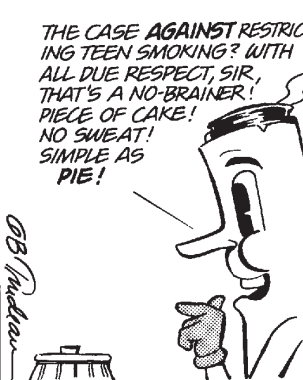
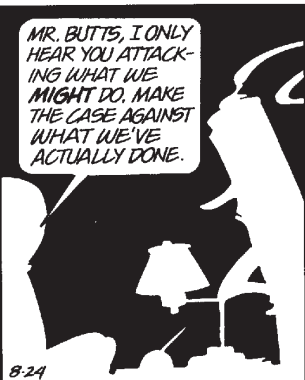
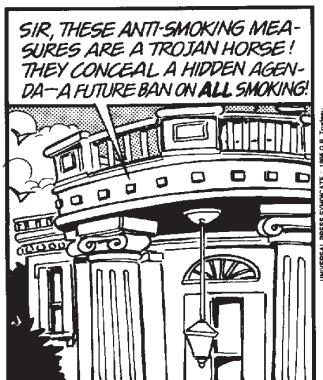


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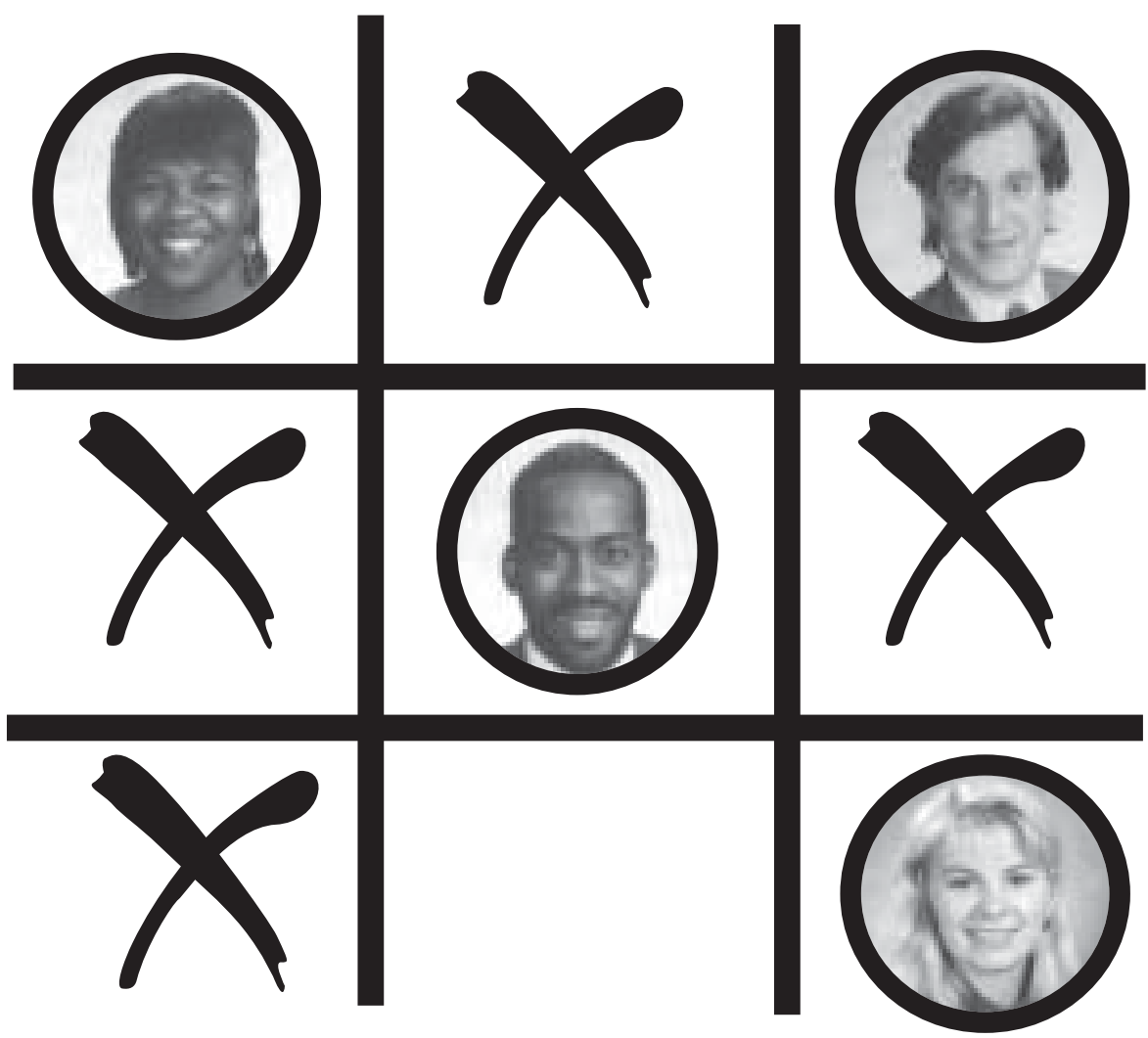
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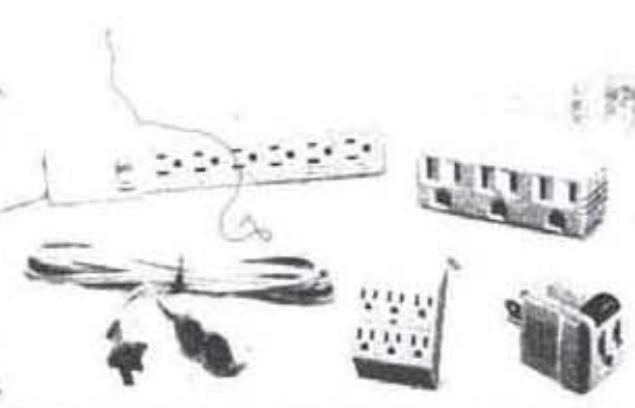
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# Hall of Fame opens in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) – The artificial turf is down on the Gridiron Plaza, the plaques are up in the Hall of Champions and the film is set to roll in the Stadium Theatre.

Three years after South Bend was awarded the National College Football Hall of Fame, everything is ready for the building's opening Friday. And the \$15 million hall is even better than organizers had hoped for, said Bob Casciola, executive director of the National Football Foundation.

"It's spectacular. It's going to be as fine a hall (of fame) as there is in the country," he said. "It's new, it's modern, it's interactive. I think anybody who comes in, no matter what their age, is going to be entertained. We're very, very pleased." The previous museum-like hall in Kings Mills, Ohio, never attracted the expected crowds, and it closed in 1992 due to financial problems. Organizers were determined the new hall would be different, with a little something for everyone.

The hall's main entrance is on the Gridiron Plaza, a field complete with goal post that will be used for outside functions such as tailgate parties.

Once inside, a spiral ramp takes visitors to the lower level, where life-sized figurines of football fans past and present point people to the Stadium Theatre. The 22-minute film shows highlights of six 1994 games, and is shown on a 360-degree screen to give visitors the feeling of being at an actual game.

It also includes film clips of players getting ready for games, as well as coaches' pregame speeches.

The theater is surrounded by the hall's centerpiece, the Hall of Champions. There are beige, sculpted plaques for each of the hall's 729 inductees, and computer monitors housed in what look like ticket booths offer career highlights and statistics, as well as 30-second film clips.

Outside the Hall of Champions are interactive displays where visitors can get a feel for what it is like to play and coach college football. In the Training Room, visitors can measure their height, weight, body-fat percentage and vertical leap, and see how it matches up with a typical player.

The Practice Field lets people test their passing, kicking, and running and blocking abilities.

The Strategy Clinic pits visitors against legendary coaches by presenting actual game scenarios and asking visitors to make the call.

The interactive displays are what will make the hall a success, said Phil Faccenda, president of the Friends of the Hall of Fame, a nonprofit group established to help finance the facility.

"(The previous hall) was a wonderful museum, but it was a museum. This is an amusement park," he said. "I can bring my grandchildren through three or four times a year and they will enjoy it. If I'd taken them to the one in Ohio, they would have spent a few hours there and that would have been it." There are other things working in the hall's favor, including its location. The hall is a centerpiece of South Bend's downtown, and it's just two miles from the Indiana Toll Road, making it easily accessible to people in cities such as Chicago and Detroit.

But the hall's biggest attraction could be its proximity to Notre Dame. While organizers have taken great pains to keep the hall's identity separate from the university's, they are counting on fans who come to South Bend to see the Fighting Irish or their opponents to

# Chicago slams Marlins

CHICAGO (AP) – Sammy Sosa hit two of Chicago's five homers – giving him six in six games – and the Cubs used the power display to beat the Florida Marlins 10-2 Wednesday.

Sosa's 25th and 26th homers came in the first and third off David Weathers (3-5). Scott Servais and Jose Hernandez also hit back-to-back homers in the fourth off Weathers, who had allowed only four homers all season entering the game.

Shawon Dunston hit a two-run shot in the seventh off reliever Buddy Groom for the Cubs' first five-homer game since May of last season at Pittsburgh.

Sosa had homered in four straight games before being ejected in the seventh inning Tuesday night after arguing balls and strikes, just several pitches after hitting a 400-foot foul ball.

On Wednesday he came out swinging against Weathers.

His 25th homer, a two-out shot in the first, followed a walk to Mark Grace and landed in the center field bleachers.

He hit a two-out, three-run blast to left in the third on a 3-0 pitch. Dunston reached on Alex Arias' error at short and Grace singled before Sosa connected to make it 5-0.

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men. As far as how much they'll contribute, it's hard to say."

Schmitz said Overton's aggressive style as a player impressed him.

"He just a very good offensive player," Schmitz said. "He hits well and gets on (base). He steals bases. We don't really have that (combination) in our lineup."

As for Lyons, the key was his offensive output.

"I really like the way he swings the bat," Schmitz said. "That's something we really didn't have last year as a team."

Overton and Lyons join eight other newcomers on the baseball squad for the spring season.

Mark Diorio, Jason Hamrick, Jeff Kober, Nolan Lofgren, Matt Marzec, Clayton Stivers, Adam Stoneking and Mark Tomse are the team's other new members.

A number of those newcomers will get playing time immediately, Schmitz said.

"Jason (Hamrick) is really someone we were excited to get because he's a pure hitter," Schmitz said. "He could be our No. 1 or No.2 hitter, but we'll definitely count on him to start.

"Jeff (Kober) is someone we will definitely be looking at to be one of the top starters on the team."

Lofgren and Marzec were two late-Summer additions that Schmitz said will be effective.

"He's (Lofgren) just a very skilled position player behind the plate," Schmitz said. "He was drafted out of high school by the Yankees, and has a chance to go out in the draft again if he does good (at Eastern)."

"Matt was a real surprise because all spring and summer

we were trying to bring in a freshman shortstop, but we weren't happy with anyone we saw, or the guys we wanted went somewhere else.

"I saw him (Marzec) play in a tournament in July in Mattoon and he really impressed me with the things he could do."

Tomse is a player Schmitz calls a "big signee."

"He was drafted by the Astros in the late rounds of the draft," Schmitz said. "He is a quality left hander and we've been excited with what we've seen from him so far."

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myself as kind of an extra right now, someone who still is learning."

Head coach Betty Ralston, however, feels that her freshmen are far from "extras."

"The freshmen have come in and looked real good, so they could be pushing some people (for playing time)," Ralston said in a press release Monday.

"I've been really impressed with all three of them."

And as far as how the trio will fit in come game time, Ralston believes that the addition of the freshmen will help alleviate the loss of three seniors to graduation.

"We're definitely going to have to vary the offense and use more people," Ralston said. "This year our offense should be

stronger because we'll have a whole lot more options to use."

For now, however, the three are working on the transitions they need to make to become successful students and successful athletes at Eastern.

"It's a challenge having to go from a class, to your room, then a class, then practice," Hollenkamp said. "But Coach

Ralston has been a big help." "She helps us with class and with volleyball," agreed Davenport.

But if Eastern's three freshmen volleyball players continue to work at the pace they have set, and trample over their freshmen adversities, they won't need much help from anyone when it is time to take the court.

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# Sports

## Freshmen volleyball players adjust to new team



JOHN COX/ Photo editor

An Eastern volleyball player sets up a spike during the Panthers' practice Wednesday afternoon in Lantz Gym. The volleyball team opens its season on Sept. 2 at the Labor Day fest in Richmond, Ky.

By MATT ERICKSON  
Staff Writer

Most incoming Eastern freshmen feel certain pressures that they have not experienced before their first weeks on campus. Eastern's three freshmen volleyball players know that feeling more than any others.

To go along with adjusting to new living space and more challenging classes, Sherry Austin, Sara Davenport and Missy Hollenkamp must also adjust to their new lives as Division I student-athletes.

"I didn't miss much school at all in high school," said outside hitter Davenport. "So this will be a big adjustment when it comes to traveling. I can picture myself having to ask every person in my classes what I missed and how to do certain things."

To go along with her apprehension about the transitions she needs to make in becoming a student-athlete at the college level, Davenport, who attended Clinton High School, enjoys another distinction. At 6-foot-3, she is the tallest volleyball player in Eastern history.

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“People expect a lot when you're the tallest one out there. People think you stand out more. But I know I'll get to see us play teams with players taller than me ...

— Sara Davenport  
6-foot-3 outside hitter

you're the tallest one out there," Davenport said. "People think you stand out more. But I know I'll get to see us play teams with players taller than me, so it's not that big of a deal to me. I don't feel any pressure being the tallest."

Hollenkamp, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter from Highland, feels that part of the struggle of being a freshman athlete comes from the fact that her teammates don't know all of her skills.

"As a freshman, no one knows what you can really do," Hollenkamp said. "I personally struggled at first because I've played with the same people for the last four

years (in high school). It's a big adjustment learning how to play with a new group of players."

Another adjustment Hollenkamp is making is the fact that in high school, she knew her position. Now, she said, "we're practicing everything. It's not just one position anymore."

Austin, a 6-foot-1 middle hitter from Warrensburg-Latham High School, believes that continuous work with her freshmen teammates will benefit her down the road.

"When you play together for awhile, you get to know each other better," Austin said. "We see how the juniors and seniors can communicate now, and I know that's because they've played together for a few years. When we reach that point, we'll benefit from the experience playing together now."

Davenport agrees that the hard work and adjustment period they must endure this season will pay off in the long run.

"The juniors and seniors are definitely more talkative than us," Davenport said. "Right now, we can provide some good practice for the upperclassmen. I see

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## Mens cross country team hungry for Mid-Con title

By JOSH HARBECK  
Staff writer

After a third place finish in the Mid-Continent Conference last season, and with a strong group of returning runners, men's cross country coach John McInerney is looking forward to a successful year.

"We think we're right in the hunt," McInerney said of his squad's chances for a Mid-Con title. "I wouldn't say we're favorites, but if we're healthy and ready, we'll be right there."

Last year, the Panthers finished only 14 points behind Mid-Con champion Youngstown State.

Two of McInerney's returning runners are senior Nate Shaffer and junior Justin Weiss. Both come into the season with high accolades.

Shaffer was the 1993 Mid-Con men's cross country athlete of the year. Not to be outdone is Weiss who claimed the same award in 1994.

"That's quite a one-two punch," McInerney pointed out.

While Shaffer and Weiss will be the leaders of the squad, McInerney also needs runners to back them up.

"Not many people understand how much of a team sport this is," McInerney said. "You can have four top runners, but the

fifth one can kill you."

McInerney also has other strong runners returning. Among them is junior Brian Allen, returning for his third season.

"Brian was a solid freshman a couple of years ago. He was injured some last year, but he's coming around," McInerney said.

Senior Jason Anhalt is also coming back after injuries slowed him last season.

With only 12 men on the roster, staying healthy will be one of the keys to a winning season. Unfortunately, injuries have begun to take their toll. The 12-man roster is already down to ten, according to McInerney.

The weather has also been a factor. With

the heat, the runners have not been able to put in all of the usual preseason work.

"Early in the season we do basic conditioning, but there's only so much you can do in this heat," McInerney said.

However, he does not see it as a problem.

"We're still getting the job done," he said. "We run in the morning and get some pool work in. August and September are basically training. Everything points to the championships."

The Panthers get their first test on Saturday at the Eastern alumni meet. Their first official meet of the season is on Sept. 2 at Wabash College in Indiana.

## Offensive line living 'large'

By PAUL DEMPSEY  
Sports editor

Pete Mauch had better invest in a good pair of high heeled playing shoes.

Eastern's 5-foot-10 quarterback is glad to see that this season's offensive linemen are a little bigger than last year's.

Let's just hope he can see around them.

"Last year I think we started off (with an average weight) of about 270 (pounds) across the board," offensive line coach Clancy Barone said of his players. "But during the season a lot of kids got hurt and the last few games we had guys in the 230 or 240 (pound) range playing."

"This year, four of our starting five are going to be over 300 pounds - and they're all very good athletes. That's the best thing."

"We have guys with good size and guys that can move around quickly. We also have pretty good height."

Right guard Chris Dunkle (6-foot-1, 320 pounds), right tackle Chris Westenberger (6-foot-4, 300 pounds), left guard Lemont Clark (6-foot-3, 325 pounds) and left tackle Travis Hunterberg (6-foot-8, 300 pounds) will do their best this season to keep the pressure off Mauch.

Senior center Chris Anderson (6-foot-5, 255 pounds) is the only starter on the offensive line that comes in under 300 pounds. But Anderson also is the only offensive lineman returning who started in

every game last season.

"I put a lot of pressure on our centers to know a lot out there and to be able to make all the different line calls and changes, things like that," Barone said. "Chris handled that job for us flawlessly last year. And this year he feels like he's right back at home."

"I'm looking for Chris to have a great year. If he comes out and plays the way he finished up last year, he'll do just fine."

Anderson graded at 90.9 percent last season, highest of all linemen.

Many of Barone's linemen got good playing time last year because of the injuries that plagued the offensive line. One of those players returning with experience is Dunkle.

"This year I basically know what I'm doing," Dunkle said. "I know how all the drills go and everything. We're (offensive line) working real well together."

Tackle Pete Wilkes, who also got considerable playing time last season, should see much of the same this year.

Also joining Wilkes off the bench are redshirt freshmen guards Gerald Anderson and Scott Brinkerhoff, sophomore guard Bill Brown and tackle Kyle Feltes who moves over from the defensive line.

Charlie Roche, a senior who earned a starting spot at guard late last season, has been moved to the tight end position.

## Baseball team adds two more players for 1996

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The Eastern baseball team's season may be more than six months away, but coach Jim Schmitz continues to stockpile players for the 1996 season.

Two more names have been added to the list of fresh faces joining the Panthers next year.

Jon Overton, who prepped at Morris High School, and Sean Lyons, from Byron High School, have signed national letters of intent to play baseball at Eastern.

Schmitz on Wednesday announced the signing of the two prep stars, who come to the Panther baseball team after leading their respective high school clubs to berths in the IHSA state baseball finals.

Overton was selected Class AA Second Team All-State by the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association after helping his team to the class AA state championship this past spring.

He batted .463 with 30 runs

### New additions to 1996 Panther baseball team

Player	Year	Pos.
Mark Diorio	Jr.	IF
Jason Hamrick	Jr.	OF
Jeff Kober	Jr.	P
Nolan Lofgren	Jr.	C
Sean Lyons	Fr.	IF
Matt Marzec	Fr.	IF
Jon Overton	Fr.	OF
Clayton Stivers	Jr.	P
Adam Stoneking	Jr.	C
Mark Tomse	Fr.	P/1B

batted in and 32 stolen bases, which earned him Little Seven All-Conference honors and co-most valuable player of his team.

Lyons batted .495 with five home runs and 31 RBI for Class A state runner-up Byron. The infielder was a Class A First Team All-State selection, and also earned All-State honors from the Chicago Tribune.

"They're two guys we're really going to count on," Schmitz said. "I think they'll both play as fresh-

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