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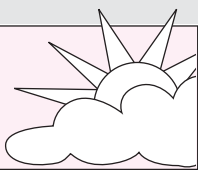
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## Series preview?

Chicagoans get treated to  
Cubs vs. Sox in  
interleague play.



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## ICTC merges with Iowa-based carrier

### Campus, Charleston phone service won't be affected by recent deal

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

Monday, Iowa-based McLeodUSA Inc. acquired Consolidated Communications Inc., the parent company that provides phone service to Eastern and the Charleston community.

But Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co., which provides residential and campus phone usage, will keep its name, employees and service intact.

"There will be absolutely no change for our university student customers," Consolidated spokesman Peter Barr said Tuesday. "There's going to be no changes

in the services with EIU."

Barr added that the phone service also will not affect Charleston residents.

"The merger does not affect any of our customers," Barr said. "They will not notice any change in their service."

Barr indicated that phone numbers to contact information regarding telephone service, or even bill inquiries, will remain the same.

"They will still be dealing with the same people that they've always dealt with," Barr said. "We will still retain the name Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company."

Clay Hopkins, manager of Eastern's Telecommunications Division, said Eastern

“There will be absolutely no change for our university customers.”

-Peter Barr,  
ICTC spokesman

President David Jorns and Vice President for Business Affairs Morgan Olsen were notified of the decision Monday, and that the deal would not affect the university.

"One of their executives contacted President Jorns and Vice President Olsen (Monday) afternoon, and informed them

that it will be business as usual," Hopkins said. "We will see no changes and as far as I know, it will not affect the students or university services."

Barr said the change will only benefit current Consolidated customers and that service will continue to improve.

"By combining the two companies under the banner of McLeodUSA, we'll be able to bring new products and service faster had we remained separate companies," Barr said.

Terms of the merger between the two companies indicated the transaction is

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## Girls State: learning 'the real thing'

By KARA TONEY  
Staff writer

If you happened to see smoke coming out of the South Quad last night, Coleman Hall wasn't on fire, and classes weren't canceled.

It was one of the activities scheduled for the 572 high school juniors participating in Illini Girls State on campus.

The students were involved in a flag retirement ceremony, where 311 flags were burned "lovingly in prayer and ceremony," said Pat Kranzow, an Illini Girls State Representative. Kranzow said the ritual is the proper way of disposing various flags.

The Illini Girls State program is designed to teach the students democracy and responsible citizenship. The girls have participated thus far primarily in campaigning for various offices in a mock election.

Kranzow said it will help the participants learn the procedures in voting and elections.

"It's assimilation. It's as close to the real thing as you can get," Kranzow said. The elected Governor not only holds the highest rank, but will also attend Girls

State next year to speak to the attendants.

When the students aren't involved with campaigning, they are given the opportunity to participate in recreational activities such as volleyball and bowling.

They are also given two days to learn about and work on the Internet. Another option for the girls is to sing in a chorus, which will perform before Gov. Jim Edgar when he speaks on Thursday.

Among many of the speakers scheduled to talk to the students this week, Loleta Didrickson, Illinois State Comptroller, lectured Tuesday afternoon.

She spoke about her previous experiences in the governing system, when few women participated in politics.

Didrickson emphasized the importance of goal setting, and strongly encouraged them to take action on the things that are important to them in their lives.

Pat Simpson, a certified public accountant, was also present to talk about the role of women in business.

Kranzow said the response from the students has been extremely positive throughout their experience at Eastern, in that they have responded appreciatively to all the speakers, and seem to be enjoying the college life.



JOHN BATES/Staff photographer  
Illinois State Comptroller Loleta Didrickson speaks to over 500 members of the 1997 Illini Girls State. Didrickson, who also spoke to Girls State last summer, discussed her experiences in politics as a woman.

## Nelsen out as academic computing director

### Officials refuse to comment on dismissal reasons

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

Harry Nelsen, Eastern's director of academic computing, is no longer employed by the university.

Dave Henard, the associate vice

president for information technology services, confirmed Nelsen's dismissal but refused to elaborate, saying only that he was replaced last Thursday.

"It's a personnel matter - I can't speak about it," Henard said when asked why Nelsen is no longer in the department.

Nelsen, who declined immediate comment, received his doctorate degree

“He has taught several computer-based courses and is very qualified to take over that role.”

-Dave Henard,  
on Harry Nelsen's replacement

from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and has been with the university since 1992.

University public affairs spokesperson Vicki Woodard said she contacted Jill Nilsen for an official comment from the university. Nilsen,

who is a special assistant to Eastern President David Jorns, told Woodard that "the university can't comment on

personnel matters."

Henard said Nelsen was being replaced by William M. Witsman, who has been the university's director of information systems and technical support. Henard explained that Witsman is qualified to take over Nelsen's job.

"Bill has been with us for some years in information and technical support," Henard said. "He has taught several computer-based courses and is very qualified to take over that role."

Witsman has a master's degree from Eastern and has been with the university since 1977.



# Spoofing Shakespeare

## SummerFest Theatre features two plays

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

Eastern's University Theatre has scheduled two plays for this summer.

The university's SummerFest Theatre will include "The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr" (abridged), along with "Sinbad The Kabuki Sailor."

Clarence Blanchette, director for "The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr," said the two-hour long play is designed to cover nearly all of William Shakespeare's plays - in a humorous fashion.

"It's a spoof of Shakespeare's plays," Blanchette said. "Although there are a lot of characters (in the play), there are only four actors."

Blanchette said the idea for the play came about while sifting through various scripts.

He explained that this particular one caught his eye by its humorous nature.

"It's a script that we're doing (and) we thought it would be funny," Blanchette said. "It's lighthearted and we hope the audience will think it's funny."

The second play, "Sinbad The Kabuki Sailor," will be a part of the Youth Theatre's series and will be directed by

theatre department chair E.T. Guidotti.

Guidotti said that the show, which he also wrote, gives a chance for the youth actors to be a part of Japanese culture.

"It's written for young children to have a chance for Japanese theater with a story they know," Guidotti said. "The costumes will be Oriental, the music will be Oriental, but the story is not. The language and story is very much about the Arabian Knights."

Performances for both shows will take place in The Studio of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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**Clarence Blanchette, on 'The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr'**

"The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr" will run from June 26-29 and July 8-12. All times are scheduled for 8 p.m., except for the June 29 performance which will begin at 2 p.m.

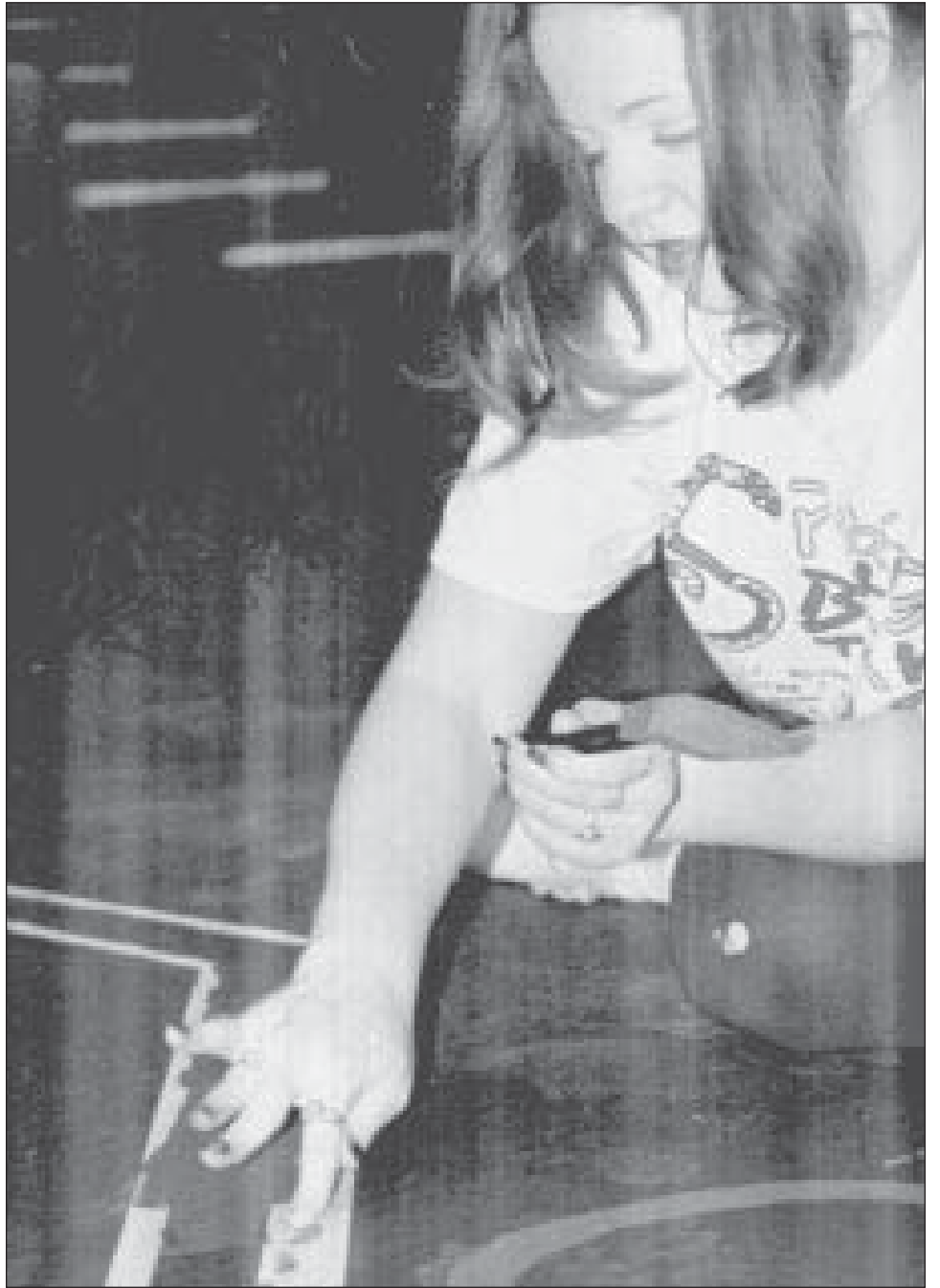
Tickets for the show are \$6 for adults and \$3 for seniors, youth and students.

"Sinbad The Kabuki Sailor" will run from

July 2-3 and 9-12. There will be two performances on the 2nd and 3rd at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The performances from the 9-12 will begin at 1 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$2.

For ticket information, contact J. Sain, business manager of the University Theatre, at 581-3110.



JOHN BATES/Staff photographer

Katy Reidy, a junior theater major, prepares the set of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* in the Fine Arts Building Tuesday. Reidy is one of the four actors participating in the play, which begins June 26.

## Comedian to stand trial California man faces charges in Omaha rape

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Similar circumstances surrounding a series of rapes at six Midwestern colleges led police to believe they were committed by the same man.

But a victim's testimony about her attacker's appearance is raising questions about whether authorities have the right man.

Traveling comedian Vinson Champ, 35, was ordered Tuesday to stand trial in district court for sexual assault during a preliminary hearing in Douglas County Court.

Police are basing their case against Champ on DNA evidence and credit-card receipts linking him to a rape at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. They say the rape is similar to the other college attacks in that the assailant asked his victims for money, ordered them to wear a ski mask, spit on them and quizzed them about their sexual pasts.

The former "Star Search" contestant from Los Angeles is accused of raping part-time college teacher Heidi Hess, who said Tuesday she thought her

attacker was a white, stocky male.

Champ is black and slender.

"We have a victim of a crime here who describes her assailant as someone my client is not," defense attorney James Martin Davis said.

Champ also has been charged with the rape of a woman at St.

Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. He is suspected of other attacks in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. In Nebraska, Champ also is being investigated in a Feb. 6 rape at Union College in Lincoln and an attempted assault the same day at York College in York.

Hess, 31, who has spoken publicly about the crime, said she never saw her attacker's face during the March 5 rape.

"I believed at the time he was Caucasian because of his voice pattern and the color of his skin (on his arm) I thought I saw the moment I was grabbed from behind," Hess said.

## Man spends two nights stuck on Lake Michigan

CHICAGO (AP) - A man spent two nights stranded on his stalled water scooter in Lake Michigan before he was found today, sunburned and thirsty but otherwise all right, the Coast Guard said.

Ricardo Enamorado had been missing since about noon on Sunday.

The Chicago man was found about 8:20 a.m., just 500 yards offshore, said Petty Officer Keith Collins, who was on the rescue boat.

"He was cold and glad to see us and glad that he was going to go home today," Collins said. "He was just sitting there, waiting on us to get to him."

Enamorado, 30, was taken to Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in good condition with sunburn and dehydration, said hospital spokeswoman Judy Braginsky. He was undergoing tests and could be released by this afternoon, she said.

Enamorado said he did not drink any lake water or eat and had not slept since Sunday, according to Braginsky. She didn't know why he didn't drink from the lake, which is a freshwater lake.

Collins said Enamorado traveled north on the lake for four to five miles on Sunday before his machine stalled. He drifted south and toward shore, nearly back to the spot from where he set out.

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# Opinion page

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## Information needs to be given about Buzzard construction

Construction on the Buzzard Building continues throughout this summer. At one point, officials and managers behind the renovation project – which will cost over \$10 million – said that the construction would be completed by the end of the summer.

But it doesn't look like that will be the case. There will be no official classes in Buzzard this fall, but one source had the number of classes for the building in Spring of 1998 at around 90.

Michael Doerr, the manager of design and construction for the Buzzard Building renovation, told *The Daily Eastern News* in February that he expected the project to be completed by August. Doerr said the contractors would then need another month to complete their cleanup and finalize last-minute details.

Although officials behind the Buzzard Building construction project have stated for months now that classes would not be able to be held in the new building until next spring, they are still tight-lipped on official details on when the project will actually be completed.

Ted Weidner, director of Eastern's Physical Plant, has been particularly cautious about informing *The News* about an actual completion date.

"They're progressing," Weidner said of the workers on assignment at Buzzard. "I'm not giving any specific timetable on when it's going to be done."

That way, if the construction runs into more roadblocks, their tails will be covered. If the deadline for completion has to be moved up again, who will be the wiser? As long as classes are being held in Buzzard by next spring, the officials involved with the project will be safe, so to speak, from criticism.

More information needs to be given on the details behind the Buzzard construction. The faculty, staff and students of Eastern's campus have the right to know when one of the most widely-used and important buildings on campus will be available for use.

## today's quote

Time is of the essence.

—Anonymous

## In golf, the only challenger is yourself

Mark Twain wrote that golf is a long walk spoiled, but then he chose to live in Missouri so everything he said must be reconciled with that fact.

Far from being anything spoiled, the game of golf is a lovely way for nature, which is so often shoved to the rear order in society, to gently remind us who's best. It's also a plausible excuse for old men to dress up in colors they have no business wearing, and walk around.

Golf is decidedly pre-PC in form. It is not egalitarian. It is not based on how you play the game, but whether you win or lose. It does not help one feel better about oneself and it is most certainly discriminatory: Those who practice the most do the best.

The game of golf relies heavily on the repetition of certain skills, the more of which you do in practice the less of which you have to do in the game. But, often, there is no rhyme or reason to how one does on the course.

Perhaps that's what's best (and cruelest) about the game. We're all in pursuit of the same unreachable goal, like the carrot dangled before the horse. There is no ascending the throne of golf understanding when even professionals often have a hard time shooting par. There is no 300 hundred game or sunken eight ball or finish line. There are only more courses (427 million in Dade county, Florida, alone).

Everyone who enjoys the sport continues playing simply because they remember what it felt like to hit a solid drive or chip in from off of the green (granted, some people's memories have to be better than other's), and they wish to know that feeling again. We continue playing not because golf is like life, but because golf is life. While some people lament roads not taken, avid golfers remember heeling their six iron on hole four. While lesser men close their eyes and see piles of money and cars and houses laid out before them, golfers close their eyes and see green, forever.

But then who doesn't love golf? I saw a twelve year old yesterday wearing Nike shoes, socks, shorts, t-shirt and (to complete his swooshness) a hat which proclaimed "Nike Golf." Three years ago I couldn't step out of my front door without seeing some sunglassed, munchie



TRAVIS MCDADE  
REGULAR COLUMNIST

"Maybe that's what I like best about golf. There is no certainty to it."

driven adolescent adorned in pro-marijuana attire and reeking of incense. Now it's golf. This has got to be some kind of Republican plot.

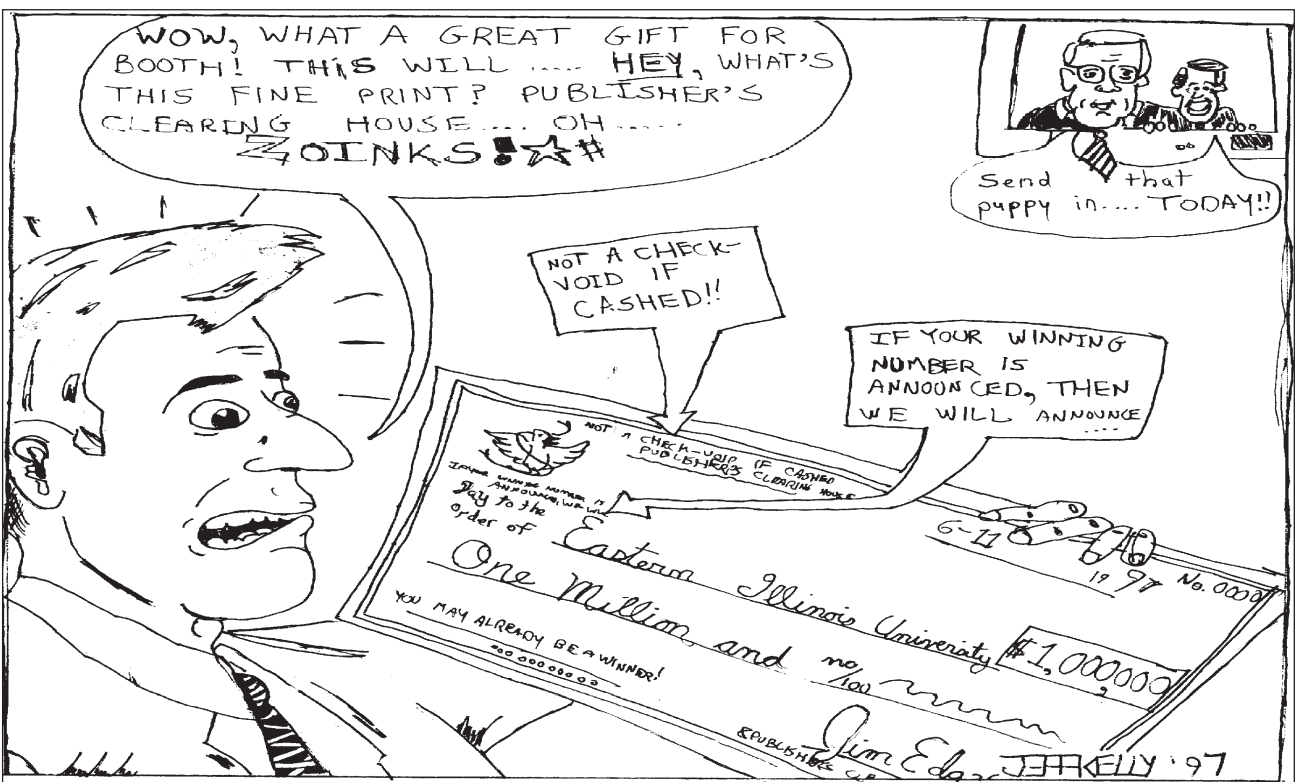
Or maybe it's got something to do with this Woods character that everyone is talking about. You know, the one that's going to win everything, like the US Open (wait a minute...). Maybe that's what I like best about golf. There is no certainty to it. There is no Michael Jordan

(well, not yet anyway). There are only a bunch of golf players, all of whom can be beaten, struggling not to fall apart. Oh yeah, and I like that Greg Norman never wins, also.

Golf, like shortbread and David Hume, comes from Scotland (where there are no Tigers), a land where the refreshing summers allow one to frolic in the highlands clad only in a single wool sweater. Humian philosophy, probably compelled by such contrary weather, has as one of its tenets the idea that the laws of nature, and acceptance of them, is based on inference which is more risky than deduction. For example, even though it may be true that the sun has come up every morning for our whole life, that doesn't necessarily guarantee it will come up tomorrow. It is, then, only a short 9 iron to the proposition (also forwarded by Hume, I think) that even though I sliced my drive on the past 47 attempts, it might go straight this next time. Anyway, most Humian philosophy ends up making about as much sense as plaid.

Which brings me to this: When I am anesthetized this week and rolled over onto my stomach so that a doctor can cut out some of a misguided intervertebral disc, I will probably doze off thinking about many things. Not least among them will be the cold shrubbiness of St. Andrews or the plush greens of Augusta or the crashing surf at Pebble Beach. Not least will be the thought of crushed drives or twenty foot putts or repaired divots. Not least will be the lament of a summer gone by without tee boxes and sand traps and the postponement, for another year, of the only beautiful thing I do.

— Travis McDade is a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News. His e-mail address is twm@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu.



## Columnist failed to notice the other side of the issue

Dear editor,

In his column of June 11, Travis McDade takes feminists to task for not supporting Paula Jones in the way they supported Anita Hill. He says they lose credibility and blur the line between politics and principle.

What McDade doesn't say is whether it was politics or principle that prompted conservatives who had castigated Hill to suddenly change their tune and embrace Paula Jones and her accusations against Bill Clinton. And, of course, it was this bunch of born-again feminists supporting Jones that made many people wary of her motives and her story. She came packaged and sponsored by right-wingers who would do anything to make Clinton look bad.

## your turn

The truth is that while some feminists have gone after Jones, others offered support. McDade says that Patricia Ireland, the president of the National Organization of Women (NOW), is being "curiously quiet". But if he had done his homework, he would have found that in their press release of May 6, 1994, NOW asserted Jones' right to a hearing: "Every Paula Jones deserves to be heard, no matter how old she is and how long ago the incident occurred, no matter what kind of accent she has or how much money she makes, and no matter who she associates with." Sounds principled and supportive to me.

According to Ireland, Jones blew off a meeting with NOW officers to go shopping, and her lawyers promised but failed to send over their files. They were next heard from two years later, denouncing NOW on the

steps of the Supreme Court for being unprincipled and hypocritical. NOW had been set up; no wonder they're being quiet. It was Jones who turned her back on feminists, not the other way around.

If McDade is concerned about principles, then what does he make of the fact that Jones first hired an Arkansas lawyer with whom she signed a contract to split the proceeds from book and movie deals? And how does he reconcile that No Excuses jeans commercial with Jones' claim she was forced into the public arena to rescue her reputation?

The Jones case has been political from the get-go. Anyone who thinks otherwise hasn't been paying attention. If Jones and her supporters want principles, they should try getting some of their own.

Robert Funk  
Charleston

# Buzzard use won't be available until spring

## Weidner says project 'progressing'

Although construction on Buzzard Building continues, the structure will not be complete for students and faculty until the Spring 1998 term.

Ted Weidner, director of Eastern's Physical Plant, said work on the project is ongoing. When asked, he refused to give a specific date on when the project will be completed.

"They're progressing," said Weidner about construction on the building. "I'm not giving any specific timetable on when it's going to be done."

But in February, Michael Doerr, the manager of design and construction for the Buzzard project, told *The Daily Eastern News* the expected completion date was the end of August. Construction on the project began in the fall semester of 1995.

Weidner said the reasoning in the delay for a specific announcement was to ensure that classes weren't going to be scheduled in Buzzard for the fall semester.

"We are deliberately making sure, and working with the provost, that classes are not scheduled for the fall term," Weidner said.

The building currently houses WEIU-TV/radio studios along with educational administration.

Upon completion, the structure will also house secondary education and foundations offices, educational psychology and guidance, the Higher Education Cooperative Act offices, the journalism department and Student Publications.

**"I'm not giving any specific timetable on when it's going to be done."**

**-Ted Weidner, on Buzzard completion**



KERRY LIGUE/Staff photographer

Construction workers at the Buzzard Building work on a window overlooking Seventh Street earlier this summer. Students and faculty won't be able to use Buzzard until next spring.

- Staff report

## Simpson hearing causes rift Goldmans, Browns bickering over property

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - A hearing Monday to decide what personal property O.J. Simpson may withhold from creditors exposed a rift between survivors of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Goldman family attorney Daniel Petrocelli said during a break that he was working with lawyers for Ms. Simpson's estate to try to collect a \$33.5 million judgment against Simpson in the wrongful deaths of his ex-wife and Goldman.

Ira M. Friedman, the attorney representing Ms. Simpson's father, Louis Brown, agreed, but added that Simpson clearly prefers the Browns over the Goldmans.

"So? You can prefer one creditor over another," Friedman said. "That's not a secret."

Simpson attorney Ronald P. Slaters said: "We're quite content that the items go to the Browns." Brown is the executor of his daughter's estate, which benefits her two children with Simpson.

Superior Court Judge Irving Shimer rejected a proposal from Simpson's side that most of his claimed exemptions be dropped if the Browns got priority over the Goldmans.

"I have not ruled that the Browns have achieved any kind of priority," Shimer told the attorneys.

Petrocelli called Simpson's offer a "gimmick ... to move the items to their favored creditor." Questions remained about Simpson's Heisman trophy, with an estimated \$400,000 value.

KTTV-TV said it had been located, 2 1/2 months after sheriff's deputies couldn't find it during a search of Simpson's home. The station, citing unidentified sources, said the trophy would be given to Ms. Simpson's estate.

Simpson insisted during a hearing in May that he did not know where the trophy was. He said he last saw the trophy - awarded to him in 1968 as college football's top player - in January or February.

Friedman and Petrocelli said they do not know where the trophy is.

Simpson has claimed exemptions for 107 objects or groups of objects, including a life-size metal sculpture of him, a red-and-white No. 32 jersey, golf bags, golf clubs, commemorative footballs, trophies and awards.

Shimer, who complained about the amount of paperwork before him, ruled that two lamps valued at \$24,000 and \$18,870 were not exempt.

Items must be "ordinary and necessary" to a household to be exempt, Goldman attorney Gary Caris said.

Simpson was acquitted on criminal charges in the slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman.

**"I have not ruled that the Browns have achieved any kind of priority."**

**-Judge Irving Shimer, on reports the Brown family is being favored over the Goldmans.**

## Watergate guard recalls break-in 25 years later

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Frank Wills was going out for a glass of orange juice when he noticed someone had taped back the locking catch on the basement door at the Watergate Office Building.

That was 25 years ago today in Washington. Nothing unusual to Wills, then a security guard working the midnight shift. He removed the tape, had his orange juice, came back.

Someone had taped the door catch again.

"Something sort of alerted me about that," Wills said in today's editions of *The Augusta Chronicle*. "Just a feeling, you know."

That "feeling" foreshadowed one of the biggest political scandals in U.S. history - the Watergate break-in on June 17, 1972, that eventually led to the downfall of President Richard M. Nixon.

Sitting on his aunt's porch in North Augusta, S.C., Wills, 49, retells the story: He began his midnight-to-8 a.m. shift checking the building's 11 floors, testing doorknobs.

On his way back down, headed for a glass of orange juice, he noticed the tape.

"A lot of times we'd have the engineers doing work late at night,

and sometimes they'd be looking for a lot of keys, opening the doors or whatever, and a lot of times they might just place something in the door because they might be coming right back," he said. "So I really didn't pay much attention to it." After returning, he decided to check again.

"There, the same door had been retaped the same way," he said.

He then called the police, who locked all the access doors, cut off the elevators and went up floor-by-floor, checking the stairways.

On the sixth floor, they found something.

"We discovered a door had been forced open with a crowbar or something heavy," Wills said. "The door that led directly into the Democratic office, the DNC office."

Reporters later told Wills the burglars had numbers to White House offices on them when they were caught. Events unfolded from there, culminating in Nixon's resignation on Aug. 9, 1974.

Things also began unraveling for Wills. He got a raise, but soon left his security job when his bosses didn't help him seek publicity for his role in catching the burglars.

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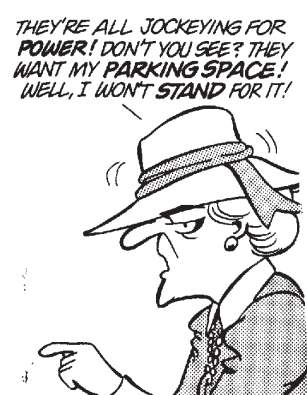
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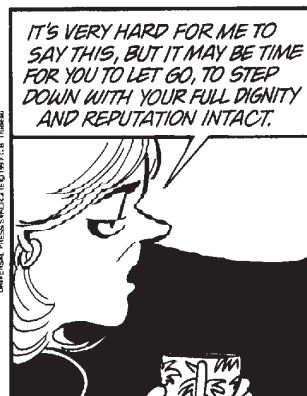
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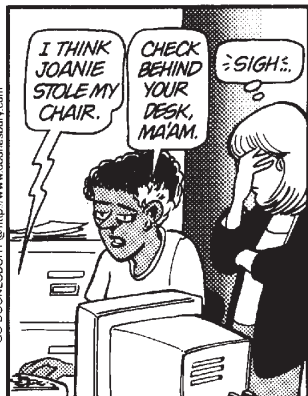
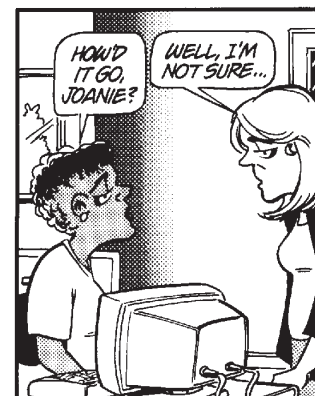
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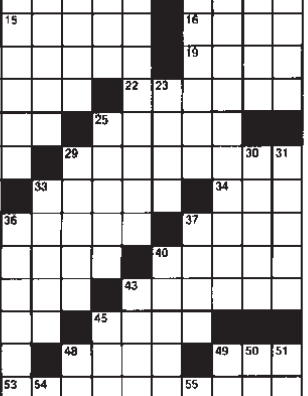
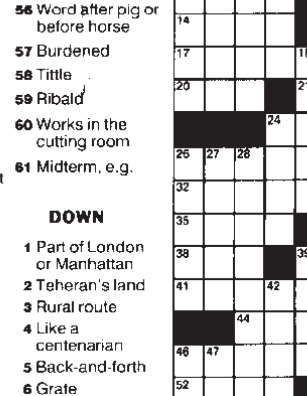
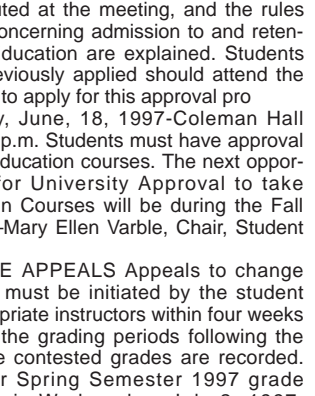
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# Cards fall to Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers overcame catcher Tom Lampkin's sterling play on both offense and defense to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 Tuesday night before a boisterous crowd of 38,634 at County Stadium.

The crowd was the Brewers' largest since 42,893 showed up for Opening Day, and the walkup of 14,605 was the most since Sept. 27, 1992, when Robin Yount was honored for his 3,000th hit.

Lampkin doubled and homered and threw out two runners to

quell a seventh-inning rally.

Fernando Valenzuela (2-9), acquired by the Cardinals from San Diego in a six-player deal Friday, allowed two hits through five innings but blew a 3-0 lead in the sixth, when his throwing error contributed to a four-run rally.

After Jeff Cirillo led off the sixth with his sixth homer, Dave Nilsson and Kelly Stinnett singled before things really got crazy as the Cardinals committed two throwing errors on one bunt.

# TITLE IX

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"Women have entered the medical and legal professions in record numbers, and we have seen a four-fold increase in women's participation in intercollegiate athletics," Riley said.

Title IX is best known for its strides in forcing equal treatment of collegiate and scholastic athletics for males and females, although it also guarantees equal treatment in academics.

Two months ago, the Supreme Court recently upheld the law against

a challenge by Brown University over its athletics program.

More recently, the National Women's Law Center formally complained to the Education Department that 25 colleges and universities discriminated against female athletes.

Clinton's action, however, addresses civil rights enforcement within schools run by the government and educational support provided by agencies other than the Education Department.

# ANDERSON

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Nearly one hundred years of tradition down the tubes, right? That's what I thought. But a week into this experiment, I find myself taking pause.

Interleague play is occurring as I write and my world has yet to be sucked into any black holes. In fact, the only sucking that is occurring (besides the Cubs, of course) is that which seems to be pulling me back to the game I once loved.

This gimmick, I say humbly, is good for the game. I know that the motives behind this change are no better than those behind the DH, realignment, and lights at Wrigley Field.

The owners did this in an attempt to attract more fans to offset the players' unwieldy salaries.

But let's make a comparison. When a baseball game doesn't start until 8:30 PM to make more advertising revenue, the twelve-year-old fan in St. Louis (who used to be me) loses because he is

asleep before the seventh inning stretch.

Granted, interleague play will certainly result in more money for the big boys, but the effect is different.

That same twelve-year-old boy may now get a chance to see his hero Frank Thomas play in person without having to subject himself to Chicago. That is a win-win situation.

So to all of my traditionalist peers out there: Give this interleague idea a chance. It may be just the thing to get the short attention spans of our youth back to the greatest of all games.

For, in a world lacking innocence, there is still one event that is the essence of pure. That twelve-year-old boy at a ballpark, having a hot dog with his father, and hoping a foul ball comes their way.

Besides, it gives us a chance to see the Cubs play the White Sox, an event which otherwise was an impossibility.

# Sports Shorts

## Orioles' Davis has colon cancer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Outfielder Eric Davis has colon cancer, for which he underwent surgery last week.

The Baltimore Orioles said Tuesday that Davis' disease appears to be confined to the colon and he is being evaluated for possible chemotherapy treatment.

"Eric does have cancer of the colon, carcinoma of the colon as we call it. The surgery was suc-

cessful," Dr. Keith Lillemoe, a Johns Hopkins doctor treating Davis, said at a news conference.

"The prognosis really depends on the state at which it is operated on. I'd say he has a favorable prognosis; nothing is 100 percent. ... We're very optimistic about his prognosis."

Lillemoe said he would recommend chemotherapy for the 35-year-old Davis, but said he

did not see any reason he could not play baseball again.

"I am feeling well and looking forward to making a full recovery," Davis said in a statement released by the Orioles.

"I would like to thank my family, all of the fans, my teammates, my friends, the Orioles organization and the staff at Johns Hopkins for all of the support they have given me."

## Monk hangs up cleets after 14 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Quietly, Art Monk went about becoming one of the best wide receivers in NFL history. Just as quietly, he retired on Tuesday, more than a year after catching his final pass.

Monk, who failed to sign with an NFL team last season, played 14 seasons with the Washington Redskins, and one each with the New York Jets in 1994 and the Philadelphia Eagles in 1995.

"I had a good career, a great time and it's time to move on and do other things," the 39-year-old receiver said. "I felt like I could have performed (last year), it was just the opportunities weren't there. Things just weren't the same."

Monk, who set several NFL records that have since

been broken, still has one — catching at least one pass in 183 consecutive games. His last reception came on Dec. 12, 1995 — a 36-yarder from Rodney Peete in a 20-14 loss to the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field.

But he'll always be remembered as the player the Redskins went to critical situations. Monk helped Washington to three Super Bowl titles in four appearances and was a three-time Pro Bowl player (1984-86).

"There was never a classier player in this franchise's history, or in league history, than Art Monk," Redskins general manager Charley Casserly said. "You always knew the team would be getting Art Monk's best effort day in and day out."

# ERICKSON

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Hogan now, thank you very much.

Rodman's new allegiance with Hogan and his upstart gang of villains, N.W.O. (New World Order), should come as no surprise.

The N.W.O. is a notorious legion of rule-breakers. They take cheap shots at the unsuspecting good guys, they knock them senseless in six-on-one street brawls and they basically have no regard for the rules.

I guess Rodman will fit in perfectly.

But if Monday night's fiasco is any indication of what kind of a wrestler The Worm will be, he might just as well spray paint his hair yellow. As in scaredy-cat, chicken-yellow.

Sting and The Giant (not Andre, since he unfortunately passed away several years back while attending his father's funeral) challenged Hollywood Hulk and Bad Boy Dennis to a match.

When Hulk and Rodman

showed up (right on time, at the end of WCW's Monday Nitro programming, so nothing major could possibly happen until the pay-per-view special), Sting and The Giant were nowhere to be found.

Of course, after the commercial break, they showed up. They chased Hulk and Dennis back into the ring, where the two N.W.O. boys huddled together in fear. When they did try to sneak attack Sting and The Giant, I got one of the best sights of my life.

The Giant picked Rodman up by his neck and lifted him about a foot and a half off the mat. And as my fiancee's mom would say, "It was a beautiful thing altogether."

Eventually, The Worm slithered loose. And like the cheap-shot artist that he is, he grabbed the title belt and drilled both Sting and The Giant in the back of the noggin with it. They were out cold.

After Rodman dropped a few

elbows on an unconscious Giant, his five other N.W.O. teammates (who had joined him and Hogan in the onslaught) hailed him as a bonafide bad dude.

Is this what the sport of wrestling has come to? Showcasing punks like Rodman, who by all rights should be working on how he's going to convince the Bulls to have him back? It's a sad day in professional wrestling.

When Rodman has to turn to pro wrestling, that has to be a bad sign for Bulls fans who want to see him back. And if you're wondering what the Bulls think of their rebounding specialist's new hobby ... a team spokeswoman said Tuesday that "the team will not comment on that situation."

Let me tell ya ... she sounded really concerned, too. I think the Bulls want him to stick to the WCW. I know I sure do.

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# Sports



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## Wrestlemania: Bulls' Worm takes his turn

Tito Santana. Jake "The Snake" Roberts. Rowdy Roddy Piper. "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka.

Just hearing the names of the great ones almost brings tears to my eyes. Reminiscing about the good ol' days of professional wrestling invokes some of the greatest memories of my youth.

Like the time "Macho Man" Randy Savage jumped off the top rope with the ring bell and crushed Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat's larynx. I honestly can not remember a scarier time in my life. And they ended the hour-long Saturday morning WWF episode by showing "The Dragon" being wheeled out on a stretcher.

I had one solid knot in my stomach for the next week, when I found out - amazingly - that Steamboat had lived through the Savage Ring Bell Incident tragedy. Honestly - I've never been more scared.

Well, unless you count the time when "Adorable" Adrian Adonis, whose ring garb consisted of pink tights and a pink feather boa, sprayed my hero - Rowdy Roddy - in the eyes with his signature perfume concoction on Saturday Night's Main Event, which came on once a month when Saturday Night Live couldn't book a guest host.

Piper was temporarily blinded by Adonis, and I couldn't sleep for two days.

Such wonderful memories. I loved the good guys, I loved the bad guys. Heck - I just loved the "sport" itself. Fake or not (although to this day, I'll only admit that half of it is phony).

Recently, I've been getting interested again in my old childhood love affair with pro wrestling. Unfortunately, the sport is about to be tainted - with no hope of regaining its credibility. Sure. Like it had much to begin with. But I digress.

I'm talking about wrestling's new Bad Boy. The Worm. The Bull - Dennis Rodman.

With his basketball future very uncertain and in jeopardy, and his two-year, suspension-ridden stint with the Bulls all but officially over, Rodman has turned to pro wrestling.

He made his big debut in the squared circle Monday night at his Bulls' stomping ground, the United Center. His partner? None other than the almighty legend, Hulk Hogan.

The same Hulk that cried real tears when Andre The Giant turned bad guy under the tutelage of Bobby "The Brain" Heenan and ripped Hogan's crucifix from his neck is now a bad guy himself. It's "Hollywood" Hulk

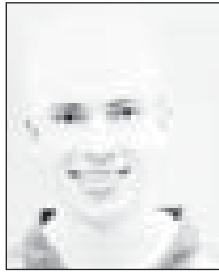
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## Interleague play takes purity from game

I have to confess, I am a purist. As a rule, I don't take well to change. My entire existence is based upon consistent repetition and tradition. I always put on my left shoe first, I always eat all of the fries before I start on the burger, and when I go home for a weekend I walk into the same house that I was carried into 23 years ago.

A change in behavior or ritual could disrupt the delicate balance of my world and is therefore undesirable. Imagine my shock and dismay when Major League Baseball announced its plans for interleague play.

Since 1901, Major League Baseball has had two mutually exclusive divisions, the National and American Leagues. It has



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been customary since 1903 for the champions of the two leagues to meet at the end of the season in the World Series (except for 1904 and 1994).

What makes the Series so special (besides the fact that the World Championship is on the line) is the intrigue provided by two high caliber teams facing off for the first time.

Baseball has been on shaky ground in the market for fans since the 1994 strike, but for me, its downfall preceded that.

As a young boy, I lived for baseball. I played it, watched it, read about it, even collected thousands of pieces of cardboard with the players' pictures and stats on them.

Through these experiences I learned some basic truths about the sport. For example, baseball isn't baseball without the smell of freshly cut grass, weekend games should start at 1:15 (even if that isn't the prime time for TV viewership), and people from DuQuoin should root for the Cardinals, not the Cubs.

Another one of these truths goes something like this: National

League teams and American League teams do not play each other during the regular season.

It seems that the further I have distanced myself from the age of twelve, so too have I distanced myself from baseball. I think it has something to do with the disillusionment associated with all of the traditions of the game being sacrificed for the bottom line.

So when de facto Commissioner Bud Selig announced that his Brewers were going to have a chance to get revenge against the Cardinals for the 1982 World Series, without earning the opportunity, I took one more step away. I, along with the other anti-turf, anti-dome, and anti-designated hitter ex-fans, cried foul.

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## Pool party

Michelle Gehris, a senior at Reed-Custer High School and a Girls State participant, plays pool in the Union Bowling Alley Monday. The bowling alley was reserved for members of Girls State.

## Clinton marks quarter century of Title IX law

WASHINGTON (AP) - Closing a 1972 civil rights loophole, President Clinton today ordered federally run schools for Indians and military families to comply with a federal ban on sexual discrimination.

"The national government must hold itself to the same high standards it expects from everyone else, especially when it comes to discrimination and education," Clinton said at an event marking the 25th anniversary of Title IX, the law that bars sexual discrimination in schools, colleges and universities that receive federal aid.

In the face of criticism that the act has been loosely enforced, Clinton also said he was giving every federal agency 90 days to submit to him "a new and vigorous enforcement plan" to strengthen the law's anti-discrimination punch. "Too many schools and education programs still drag their feet," he said.

"Everywhere is a woman's place. ... We have to continue to fight," said Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersey, who, with former astronaut Sally Ride, was among those who helped the president and first lady celebrate progress made under the law.

In a report issued at the ceremony, Education Secretary Richard W. Riley said that since Title IX, the United States has become a world leader in giving women the chance to receive a higher education.

In 1971, only 18 percent of all women had finished four years of college, compared with 26 percent of men, he said. Women now make up the majority of students in America's colleges and universities in addition to making up the majority of recipients of master's degrees, he said.

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## A league of their own Sox knock off Cubs to even cross-town series at 1-1

CHICAGO (AP) - Right back at you, Cubs. Playing before the largest regular-season crowd at new Comiskey Park, the White Sox scored early, got steady pitching from Doug Drabek and evened their historic series at one game each Tuesday night with a 5-3 victory.

After the Cubs used an early outburst to capture Monday's opener 8-3 in the first real game between Chicago's teams since the 1906 World Series, the White Sox responded quickly.

Dave Martinez, an ex-Cub, swatted a two-run homer in the first and the White Sox added another run in the second to take a 3-0 lead, sending the crowd of 44,249 - many of them Cub rooters - into an interleague frenzy.

Drabek (6-4), 16-11 against the Cubs during

his National League career with Pittsburgh and Houston, allowed six hits and two runs over six innings. Roberto Hernandez worked the ninth for his 14th save, although giving up Kevin Orie's RBI groundout to short.

The Sox's Chris Snopce drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and his fifth homer. Game 3 will be played Wednesday night.

Ray Durham singled to lead off the bottom of the first against rookie Jeremi Gonzalez (2-2). One out later, Martinez lined his seventh homer over the fence in right.

The White Sox, using a lineup without injured stars Frank Thomas and Robin Ventura, added another run in the second on singles by Lyle Mouton and Jorge Fabregas and a sacrifice fly by

Mario Valdez, filling in for Thomas at first base.

Once again the atmosphere was electric. When former White Sox and now Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa came to bat in the third, a sizable Cubs contingent began chanting, "Sammy, Sammy." But just as quickly, they were drowned out by boos from the White Sox backers.

Sosa then singled, following one by Mark Grace. And when Dave Clark, who on Monday became the first designated hitter in the Cubs' history, singled off Drabek's glove, the Cubs had the bases loaded.

Ryne Sandberg followed with a two-run single. And when he unsuccessfully tried to break up a double play with a hard slide, Sox second baseman Ray Durham helped him to his feet.