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## Inside Giving blood

About 575 students participated in Monday's blood drive.  
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Eastern softball team hosts Western Illinois in a doubleheader at Williams Field.  
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

# Fee increase not the only option for bus

## Funds available from administration

By Chris Sievers  
Student government editor

Eastern's Shuttle bus service, the Panther Express, will still be able to operate next year even if the Student Senate does decide not to pass a \$2.50 fee increase.

Senate members are discussing the possibility of raising the current shuttle bus fee to \$5.00.

Shuttle bus coordinator Jeremy Ruppel said the shuttle bus funding currently is about \$20,000 short for next semester.

Vice president for student affairs Lou Hencken said if the Student Senate does not pass the proposed fee increase then the Student Affairs Office and the Office of the President will fund the \$20,000 to keep the bus in operation for next year.

Hencken said the money is not sitting around with no purpose for its use.

"Something else will not be done down the line," Hencken said.

Last year the two offices each donated \$10,000 to help begin the

shuttle bus.

"(If the senate does not pass the fee increase) similar accommodations will be made," he said.

Ruppel said senate members are still discussing the option of raising the student fees, but he said there are three options he is looking at to fund the bus for next year.

"The first option is to pass (the fee increase proposal) the way it is," he said. "The second option is to make a friendly amendment to lower the intended increase. The third option is to continue with the funding we are now receiving."

Ruppel said the senate members are still talking to their Recognized Student Organizations to see whether the bus is wanted on campus.

"Hopefully senators are going to their RSOs and talking with various students to find the best course of action to take," he said.

Ruppel said the senate has no intention of withdrawing the proposal because money is available to fund the bus without increasing student fees.



Ali Brooks/ Staff photographer

## Rail runner

Nate Smith, a junior graphic design major, practices rollerblading in the Triad on Monday afternoon. Smith took advantage of the Spring weather to enjoy rollerblading.

# Cosentino announces bid for student body president

By Chris Sievers  
Student government editor

Keith Cosentino, senior history major, Monday announced his candidacy for student body president for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Cosentino, 23, of Chicago, said he is running for student body president because he would like to be the contact between the Student Government and administration and faculty.

"Student body president is the contact between administration and faculty to the Student Government," he said. "I hope to provide leadership and gain some direction (in Student Government)."

Cosentino, who is running under the "New Student Order" Party, said if he is elected as student body president he will be open-minded to new ideas and philosophies.

Cosentino said he would like to give every student a voice on campus.

"I'll have an open door policy (if elected as student body president),"

he said. "I'd like to get around to student organizations maybe twice a semester to let them know what Student Government is doing and get new ideas from them."

Cosentino also said if he is elected he would like to help students approach administrators with their concerns.

"I'll speak on the student's behalf or go with the student to the administrator," he said.

If elected as student body president, Cosentino said he will continue to keep the strong ties the Student Government has with administrators and faculty. He said he will strive to continue the excellence that Student Government has.

"(The Student Senate) has a great deal of influence with student lives



Keith Cosentino

and with administration and faculty."

Cosentino said he has been involved with Student Government for two and a half years.

He was a senate member for two years and last semester he held the position of Speaker of the Senate.

Cosentino said he has been involved with the Academic Technology and Advisory Committee for a year and a half, has been a member of the Council of University and Planning and Budget for one year, and was a member of the search committee for the director of the counseling center.

Cosentino said he also is an executive member for the National Residence Hall Association Honorary, served on the Student Senate's tuition and fee review committee, and is a member of the E.I. Unity organization.

Cosentino said he has been a member of the Residence Hall Association for the past four years and has been a resident assistant for the past three years.

# Union employees set to picket today

By Christy Kilgore  
City editor

Mattoon employees today will take part in an informational picket outside of City Hall in an attempt to address council members about contract negotiations between the union and the city.

Employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees will picket on the north side of the Mattoon City Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the picketers will then go to the City Council meeting to address council members and elected officials, said Rick Prince, staff representative with AFSCME Council 31.

"We've had three or four sessions for negotiations and the city is just being bull-headed," Prince said. "I'd say they're just being ridiculous."

Mattoon Mayor Wanda Ferguson said the city has met with union officials but no formal report has been given to the city yet.

“They have a right to come and picket. The only problem is I don't know what they're talking about.”

Wanda Ferguson,  
Mattoon mayor

“It's a free country. They have a right to come and picket,” Ferguson said. “The only problem is I don't know what they're talking about.”

Ferguson said since no reports have been filed there is no way of knowing whether union propositions have been considered.

Prince said the city is not taking the union proposals into account when considering the negotiations for city employees, which includes welders to water and sewer department employees.

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# The Daily Eastern News

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# Man pleads guilty to murder of gay student

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — One of two men charged in the killing of gay college student Matthew Shepard pleaded guilty Monday to murder, admitting he tied the bleeding young man to a wooden fence and left him for dead on the prairie.

Russell Henderson, a 21-year-old high school dropout and roofer, avoided a trial and a possible death sentence with his plea.

He was sentenced to two consecutive life terms and will not be eligible for parole. His only hope for release is a pardon.

Judy Shepard cried at the courtroom podium while talking about her son, then turned to Henderson: "I hope you never experience another day or night without experiencing the terror, humiliation, the hopelessness and helplessness that my son felt that night."

Authorities said Henderson and Aaron McKinney, 21, posed as homosexuals and lured the 5-foot-2, 105-pound Shepard out of a bar last October, kidnapped and pistol-whipped him and left him tied to a fence in the cold. The 21-year-old University of Wyoming student died five days later at a hospital.

The crime led to demands for stronger hate-crime laws around the country.

Although he pleaded guilty to felony murder and kidnapping,

Henderson said his friend and co-defendant delivered the fatal blows.

He matter-of-factly recounted the grisly beating and his attempts to cover up his role, then asked forgiveness from his and Shepard's families.

"There is not a moment that goes by that I don't see what happened that night," he said. "I hope one day you will be able to find it in your heart to forgive me."

Henderson said he tried to stop the beating, but McKinney struck him with a gun when he spoke up. "Matthew looked really bad, so I told (McKinney) to stop, he's had enough," Henderson said.

Judge Jeffrey Donnell told Henderson he did not believe he was remorseful.

"The pain you have caused here, Mr. Henderson, will never go away. Never," Donnell said.

McKinney will be tried in August on first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery charges. He could be sentenced to death.

There had been speculation that if Henderson pleaded guilty, he would end up testifying against his friend and co-defendant, but officials would not confirm that will happen.

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha said he believed it was appropriate to offer a plea agreement to Henderson.

# police blotter

## Alcohol violation

■ Brandon M. Hothaus, 20, of Pana, was cited at 1:30 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue, on charges of minor consumption of alcohol, minor possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to a police report.

## Minor frequenting

■ Paul D. Vail, 20, of 16 W. Buchanan Ave., was cited at 10:25 p.m. Friday at Charleston Lanes, 1310 E St., on charges of a minor frequenting a licensed premises, according to a police report.

## Disturbing the peace

■ Summer Brook Williams, 21, of 1814 Douglas Ave., was cited at 12:17 a.m. Friday at her residence, on charges of disturbing the peace, according to a police report.

## Burglary

■ Anthony R. Laweth, of 820 Monroe Ave., reported at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday that sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. on Tuesday someone burglarized his apartment, according to a police report. Laweth reported 62 C.D.s and change worth \$40 missing as a result of the residential

burglary, according to the report.

## Driving under the influence

■ Michael J. Coleman, 25, of 17759 Lake Charleston, was arrested at 1:38 a.m. Wednesday on the corner of Division and Tyler for driving under the influence, a police report said.

## Criminal damage to property

■ Angela C. Eichler, 23, of 90 Taylor Hall, reported damage to her black 1990 Oldsmobile Calias Friday at 10 a.m., a police report said. According to the report, Eichler parked the car at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the west end of the Coleman Hall parking lot. When she returned to her vehicle Thursday, the rear window was broken, the report said.

## Theft

■ John L. Markins, 28, of 791 Apache Dr., Forsyth, reported theft from a bin in the Student Recreation Center Friday, a police report said. Markins went to the Student Recreation Center Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and placed his wallet in a bin. When he returned to the bin at approximately 7:30 p.m., his wallet was missing, the report said.

Missing from the wallet were one Illinois driver's license, one Panther card, one U.S. Military I.D. and \$35 in U.S. currency.

# More contraceptive choices available

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Germany, women can use a handheld computer to determine when sex most risks pregnancy: It flashes red if the woman should avoid intercourse, green if there's little chance she's fertile that day.

Canadian women can slip in a little contraceptive sponge before sex. European women have access to a hormone-releasing IUD that prevents pregnancy for five years, dramatically lowers menstrual blood loss and even is touted to shrink fibroids.

Don't look for such options in a U.S. pharmacy yet, but they may be coming in a few years.

Critics say the United States has been left behind as other countries embrace new contraceptives that provide women more choices in

birth control. More than half a dozen new options deemed important by family planning experts are sold abroad but not here. The last unique contraceptive to win U.S. approval was the female condom in 1993. In fact, sterilization is the leading American birth control.

"The idea that the United States could be so many years behind other countries is pretty astonishing," said Dr. Felicia Stewart, a contraception expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Deterrents include lingering bad PR from failed contraceptives like the 1970s Dalkon Shield as well as anti-abortion politics.

Experts also point to lawsuits like those filed by 50,000 users of Norplant, six hormone capsules implanted into the arm for five

years. The suits claim manufacturer Wyeth-Ayerst didn't adequately warn about side effects from headaches to ovarian cysts and the implanted capsules are hard to remove. Although thousands of lawsuits have been dismissed, and the only one yet to reach a jury ended in Norplant's favor, sales plummeted during the wrangling.

But "the long, long drought" is easing, said Dr. Michael Burnhill of Planned Parenthood, pointing to U.S. studies of European-sold contraceptives. "There is stuff in the pipeline now," and Americans should have more choices within a few years, he said.

First, the Today sponge is making a comeback. Although various contraceptive sponges sell abroad, Americans have had none since

Today quit selling in 1995 because its maker broke U.S. manufacturing rules. New Jersey's Allendale Pharmaceuticals has bought Today from the previous maker and plans to begin selling by fall.

Also on the horizon:

— Unipath Diagnostics Co. has begun U.S. trials of the Persona handheld computer, which calculates pregnancy risks depending on the day of a woman's menstrual cycle. Studies in Europe suggest that with strict use, it's about 94 percent effective. Stewart calls it "a pretty accurate and precise little device" but warns it may require "an iron will" because the days women are most likely to get pregnant often are when they're most interested in sex.

## Picket

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"They're essentially ignoring the union's proposals," Prince said. "They are wanting us to go

off of their proposals."

Prince said the city would benefit by listening to city employees through their union representation.

"The employees are the ones that form the work for the city," Prince said. "The way to deal with

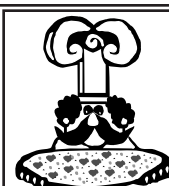
employees is by treating them like human beings; treat them like adults because they have a lot to give back to the city."

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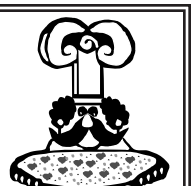


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# Habitat members to act homeless for one day

## 'Shantytown' participants to sleep in cardboard boxes

By Laura Irvine  
Campus editor

Members of Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity will spend 24 hours outdoors beginning Wednesday to try and understand what it feels like to be homeless.

"Shantytown" will be held from noon Wednesday until noon Thursday in the Library Quad.

Participants in Shantytown will sleep in cardboard boxes and try to collect donations for the Coles County Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. A table also will be set up with information about Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Brian Erickson, a senior special education major and president of Eastern's chapter of Habitat for

Humanity, said the purpose of Shantytown is to raise awareness about poverty and homelessness.

"A lot of people don't realize there are so many people who live in substandard conditions," Erickson said. "It's an eye opener."

Erickson said about 30 people are participating in Shantytown this year, which is being held for the fifth consecutive year. He said between 25 and 30 boxes will be in the Library Quad for people to sleep in.

Robyn Brian, a senior sociology major and treasurer for Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said she participated in Shantytown before and it is a good experience for everyone.

"It was a very good experi-

ence," she said. "I knew we had somewhere else to go, but we stuck it out."

Brian said she will participate in Shantytown again this year, which will be her second time.

Erickson said members of Habitat for Humanity are all participating in Shantytown, but anyone is welcome to go through the experience of living outdoors.

He said spending 24 hours outdoors and sleeping in boxes is an interesting experience, and people usually come away from it with knowledge about homelessness.

"People get to know each other sitting out there," he said.

Shantytown will be held regardless of bad weather.

"We will be out there rain or shine," Erickson said.

# Sex behaviors and risk factors topic of interactive presentation

By Dan Ochwat  
Activities editor

"Let's Talk About Sex" was a presentation with interactive games, videos and a question and answer session that attempted to inform audience members about practicing safe sex and sexual health habits, and was the second event of Pride Week.

The games included a game of BINGO, where a card was given to each member of the audience to play a coverall game by answering questions written in each box. Audience members were able to walk around the room and help each other answer the questions.

Facilitator Eric Davidson, assistant director of health education and promotion at Eastern, officially answered the questions with information relevant to sex health.

One participant asked "What is rohypnol?" Davidson answered that rohypnol is not just a date rape drug, but the least likely used date rape drug - if you don't count alcohol, he said.

Liquid G is the drug used the most and is the worst because it is homemade, Davidson said. The drug is made in private garages without any quality control.

Another participant asked what

Depo-Provera was, which Davidson said was a shot females can take every three months as a form of birth control, he said. The shot is available at Eastern's Health Service.

Another question described the symptoms of sexually transmitted infections like having a rash, painful urination and discharge, bumps and itching. Davidson said some symptoms cannot be tracked, like the ones of HIV, which aren't determined for seven to 10 years for males and eight to 15 years for females.

While answering a BINGO question regarding two types of HIV testing, Davidson said taking a blood sample is one way and a new way includes a swab taken and rubbed between the gum and tooth lining to receive a mucous.

"The test works just as good as a blood test," he said.

Davidson finished the BINGO game by displaying how strong and big condoms are by putting his hands in a condom and spreading them wide apart to form a gap. He then took the condom and slid it on his head.

"If I can put it on this head, I can definitely get it on this head," he said.

Other games involved passing out cards describing a sexual behavior and audience members placed

the cards under three categories, "unsafe sex", "probably safer sex" and "safer sex." The behaviors displayed the risk levels of a variety of sexual behaviors.

Another game had the audience divide into five groups of three people and re-order a jumbled group of cards showing the process from performing sexual acts to the proper way of putting a condom on and then the proper way of disposing of it.

A video was then shown to display the correct order. Many videos were shown in the presentation. The movies were informative and entertaining at the same time making the audience members laugh.

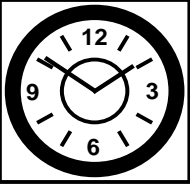
One movie had comedian Sinbad dressed as a condom as he joked and said the importance of wearing a latex condom. Another film showed a parody of war, but war on unsafe sex. The movie used many sexual innuendoes with commentary of war.

The presentation finished with Davidson and his aid in the presentation Vanessa Sneed answer any questions the audience members had to ask. One question was asked regarding the effectiveness of the female condom to the male condom.


Sneed said the female condom is 12 percent less effective.

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# Opinion page

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## Career advice

**A**t a recent meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs, members unanimously supported a Student Senate resolution urging academic advisers to inform students of help and information offered by Eastern's Career Services.

CAA members have done Eastern's students a great service by supporting the senate's resolution stating "the Student Senate urges academic areas to ensure that students have access to such information via the academic advisement and learning assistance center, central departmental offices, the Career Services web page located at <http://www.jobsrv.eiu.edu>, and other appropriate

### Career Services

The CAA's decision to approve the resolution asking academic advisers to inform student on Career Services will be beneficial to students.

importance of getting a good job in a competing work force to some of Eastern's more motivated students. The motivated students will be the ones asking their academic advisers for help and now the advisers have encouragement to give it to them.

Some council members originally objected to the council supporting the resolution, saying students already had enough information on Career Services because they have access to the Career Services web page. Sometimes, students have easier access to their academic advisers than they do to the Internet. But Student Senate member Melissa Girten was able to get things back on track saying she doesn't think enough students are aware of Career Services' full capabilities.

While it is ultimately the students' responsibility to plan ahead for their own careers, it never hurts to have a little backing by faculty members who have guided us for the past few years of our collegiate careers. And any extra advice from a Career Service employee who knows what it's like in the real world, probably wouldn't hurt either.

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

### Today's quote

The secret of success is constancy of purpose.

Benjamin Disraeli,  
First earl of Beaconsfield 1804-1881

# What's happening besides Kosovo

**A**s the crisis in Yugoslavia enters its second week, news mediums across the nation are focused primarily on the ongoing battle and its effects.

Similar to the President Clinton/Monica Lewinsky scandal, many events are left unknown to the public or buried within the pages of newspapers or toward the end of newscasts.

Here's just a sample of what else is going on in our world:

■ The Supreme Court ruled Monday police officers can search a vehicle — personal belongings included — if they believe they will find criminal evidence.

The 6-3 vote stemmed from a Wyoming drug conviction following a July 1995 routine traffic stop. A car was pulled over for speeding and an officer noticed a syringe in the driver's pocket, who when questioned, admitted he used it to take drugs. The officer then asked the two female passengers to get out of the vehicle while he searched it.

One of the two passengers left her purse behind on the back seat, and the officer searched it as well, discovering drug paraphernalia and liquid methamphetamine. She was convicted of a felony, but appealed.

As Lisa Kemler of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers said: "you get in a car and, as a passenger, you basically have no rights."

Bingo. ■ In Hong Kong, a not-so-smart thief who robbed a taxi driver of his mobile phone and \$426 in U.S. currency, was apprehended.

How? He left his own phone behind, which not only had his home phone number, but a picture of him and his girlfriend on it. He pleaded guilty and will now spend four years and eight months in jail. Is that all the jail time you get for being stupid?

■ President Clinton made the news Easter Sunday, quickly



Deana Poole  
Editor in chief

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asking the nation to pray for troops and refugees in the Balkans, but then blowing the whistle to start the 121st annual Easter Egg Roll at the White House.

Children used plastic spoons to propel hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn to the finish line. Everyone came out a winner and was awarded a plastic egg with candy and gifts.

Hmmmm...

■ While the White House played host to Easter celebrations, San Francisco was the site of a whole different kind of "bash."

Thousands of people lined the streets as drag queens dressed as nuns, bands played and a "Hunky Jesus" beauty contest was held during the 20th anniversary bash held by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

■ A Utah couple is trying to push the no-smoking in public places policy one step further. The two filed a lawsuit to stop the person living above them in a condominium from smoking in his own home.

The couple claims the smoke makes its way downstairs into their home and is a "nuisance."

This marks the first time someone has tried to stop another from smoking in the privacy of his/her own home.

■ On a lighter, yellowish note ...

People attending the World Youth Championship matches in Lagos have been warned to "beware of flying urine."

I kid you not. During Saturday's opening game between Nigeria and Coast Rica, children actually filled plastic bags with urine and threw them at spectators.

That's one kind of April shower I bet no one saw coming.

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### Student urges campus to get involved

After coming to the three-quarter mark in my freshman year at Eastern, I have a few complaints with the community. The major complaint is the lack of community here. I know school spirit is something that reigns in high school, but I don't think it should disappear when you get to college. What I am trying to say is there is no togetherness of Eastern like some schools, and it really takes away the true college experience. The easiest way to prove the lack of community is the school spirit toward athletics. The attendance at school sporting events is weak to say the least, but that is just the peak of community togetherness and support. More importantly the attitude of the student body about the school as a community is even worse. Not to show favoritism, but if there was no D.E.N., no

### Your turn

Letters to the editor

one would know what is going on in the community. One reason why no one wants to know what is going on is because there is usually nothing going on.

One way to bring this community together, is to have large scale activities on campus. The easiest way to do this is schedule concerts or other large performances, which bring the community all together at once. To make a great memory like experiencing a great concert on campus would give the whole school something they could all share. To have a great memory like that would make it easier to go and attend another large function. The only large function that has gone on this year at Eastern was having

Mr. Bill Cosby come and perform, but that was just a way to keep our parents occupied during Parents' Weekend.

Another way to bring the community together is to schedule all campus intermural where dormitories would compete against each other. This takes place at many schools and rivalry and a sense of community form. An argument about why these work so well at those schools is because of the long traditions that have been formed, but all traditions start at some point. Since there is such a slim community feeling right now, nothing could be failure except not trying. I guess my reason for writing this letter is to try to challenge someone or hopefully a group to try to get something started at this school to bring back or start up a feeling of a whole as a community and maybe even a sense of family.

Todd Bergmann  
freshman psychology major

# LGBAU hosts annual pride week

By Dan Ochwat  
Activities editor

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Allies Union is hosting its annual Pride Week this week with five events cast under the theme, "Pride Week 1999 - It's not just a Gay thing."

Allison Toth, president of the LGBAU and senior speech communications major, said the speakers, panels, workshops and discussions focus on how gay rights and gay issues affect everyone, not just gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

"The events are targeted for gay people, lesbian people, bisexual people, but also affect other people," Toth said.

Pride Week features a different event for each day of the week, beginning Monday and ending Friday, Toth said. The first week of April was chosen to fit the organization's time needs, and the week

varies each year, she said.

The first event for Pride Week was "Let's Talk About Sex," presented by Eric Davidson, assistant director for health education. Toth said the discussion was about straight talk on sex health issues.

Today's discussion is titled "What if God Was One of Us?: Religion and Homosexuality." The discussion will be a panel of four pastors and reverends from different faiths, all gay friendly, who will discuss how homosexuality fits or does not fit into certain religions, Toth said.

The panel discussion is at 7 p.m. in the Sullivan Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The event is the second scheduled event and is the most controversial, Toth said.

Toth said she does not like the phrase, "Hate the sin, love the sinner."

"I want to do away with the

belief that gay is a sin - being gay is not a sin," she said.

The four panelists are Glenn Robyne, pastor of the Wesleyan Church in Charleston, Steve Schumacher, minister of the McKinley Presbyterian Foundation in Champaign, Betsy Johnson-Miller, associate pastor of the Disciples of Christ Church in Charleston and Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Catholic Center.

Moran Beasley, Eastern graduate and member of LGBAU, will moderate a discussion which will cover topics such as same sex marriage, Christianity on homosexuality, and family and religious attitudes toward homosexuality.

The third event scheduled is a political presentation titled, "The State of Gay Rights," Toth said. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Paris Room of the Union.

Rick Garcia, director of the

Illinois Federation for Human Rights and lobbyist for gay rights in Springfield, will speak about issues such as same sex adoption and domestic partnership.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, a presentation will be held to clarify the issue of bisexuality, Toth said. The presentation, "Bi the Way," will be interesting because some gays and lesbians do not fully understand bisexuality and some straight people do not understand the logic of bisexuality, Toth said.

The final event for Pride Week is sponsored by the University Board and is in conjunction with LGBAU and Pride Week. The event is a movie night beginning at 7 p.m. in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

The movies being shown are "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss" and "Personal Best."

The presentations are free of charge and the movie night has \$1 admission fee.

## This week

**Tuesday:** "What if God Was One of Us?" at 7 p.m. Sullivan Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

**Wednesday:** "The State of Gay Rights" at 7 p.m. in Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

**Thursday:** "Bi the Way" at 7 p.m. The location for the presentation to be announced.

**Friday:** Movie night at 7 p.m. in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

# Step show to promote unity on campus

By Jessica Sedgwick  
Staff editor

Steps will vibrate the floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the Fourth Annual Ebony and Ivory Step Show - a show that will highlight the talents of both the Panhellenic and Black Greek Councils and give the audience a chance to get involved.

A total of eight fraternities and sororities will take the stage at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the University Grand Ballroom.

But there will be more to this production than just stepping. Between each of the three mini step shows, Derick Edwards, coordinator of the event and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member, has landed acts such as a rap duo from

Champaign, DJ Dave Shields of Charleston and Eastern students K-Love and Blue. Edwards said he booked the gigs to break the show a little.

The night also will entail "MTV-like" audience participation games where audience members who are brave enough to volunteer can answer questions. Winners will win gift certificates from the sponsors of the step show, such as 4th Street Records, E.L. Krackers, Tokens and Dayle Bales.

Edwards has been in the step show for four years, and said he decided to be this year's coordinator because of what the show stood for.

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Derick Edwards,  
Coordinator of the Ebony and Ivory  
Step Show

” ties and fraternities," Edwards said. "(Fraternities and Sororities) are the so-called leaders on the campus, so I feel it's our duty to show a collaboration between Panhellenic and Black Greek Council - not only to promote unity among greeks, but to pro-

mote unity on this campus as well."

Getting the audience involved is another way to promote unity, Edwards said.

The three groups stepping during the evening include the group of Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities, the group of Zeta Phi Beta, Kappa Delta and Tri Sigma sororities and the group of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Alpha Gamma Delta sororities.

Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities have stepped together all four years at the Ebony and Ivory Step Show, and were the only group to perform in the first one.

"Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon were the pioneers of the Ebony and Ivory Step Show. It

started out with just the two groups and two comedians," Edwards said, who also is the choreographer of the fraternity's step performance.

Edwards said it gets easier to work with the group every year.

"This year it got easier for us to step with them because we've worked with them for four years. You get new people every year and you make new friends," Edwards said. "New friendships and bonds happen. You're forced to be with these people for a month. You're bound to make a friend."

Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon are the last group performance of the evening.

"It's guaranteed to get the crowd hyped," Edwards said.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased the door. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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# Blood drive draws about 575 donors

By Geneva White  
Staff writer

A total of 575 people gave blood at the first ever Greek Week blood drive Monday at Lantz Gym.

There were 769 people pre-registered for the blood drive and more than 31 people were walk-ins. The American Red Cross' goal for the blood drive was 1,000 units.

Those who donated were able to donate on behalf of a Greek house to earn points for sororities and fraternities during Greek Week. Jon Moberly, co-chair of the Greek Week blood drive steering committee, said illness played a role in people who registered and were not able to donate.

Moberly said, overall, he was pleased with how the blood drive went.

"I think everything's gone really well for being the first year for the Greek Week blood drive," Moberly said. "(The event) will continue from now on."

Moberly said events such as the blood drive are good for the image of the Greek community.

"Events like (the blood drive) give a positive image to the Greek community," he said. "Usually the media portrays (Greeks) in a negative light and it's nice to have something that will benefit not only the Greek community but the community as a whole."

Some of the people who donated were not in sororities or fraternities and were donating for themselves or someone else. Kami Myers, a senior environmental biology major, donated blood for her roommate, a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

"I thought (the blood drive) was very organized," she said. "This is the most organized blood drive I've ever been to."

Amanda Galbreath, a junior zoology and pre med major and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority member said her sorority members gave her the courage to donate blood.

"The sorority gave me the incentive to (donate blood)" she said. "I've always been scared to do it before, but since my sisters did it, it gave me the nerve to do it."



All Brooks/ Staff photographer

Jeremy Otahal, a senior recreation administration major, gives blood at the Greek Week Blood Drive on Monday afternoon. Otahal is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and helps steer his fellow fraternity brothers to join in giving blood to help others.

## Russian crisis pushes some U.S. firms out, leaves others bruised

MOSCOW (AP) — Dunkin' Donuts has taken its Boston Creams back to Boston. Pizza Hut, unable to capture a large slice of the Russian market, has closed its Moscow restaurants. And Ben and Jerry's ice cream operation melted away on the rocky road of Russian capitalism.

Many of America's best known brands streamed into Russia during the early 1990s, drawn to one of the world's largest untapped markets.

But Russia's notoriously difficult business climate combined with last year's financial blowout has sent dozens packing, and

prompted others to lay off staff and scale back expansion plans.

"The worst case scenarios of what could have happened in a long, cold Russian winter have not played themselves out," said Scott Blacklin, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow.

"But if we get to the summer

and there is no significant improvement, then I think we could see deeper disillusionment, which could lead to a serious bleeding of the American presence," he added.

The Americans are by far the largest foreign investors in Russia, with more than 500 U.S. firms

operating here. Their activity peaked in 1996 and 1997 as Russia's financial markets soared and the economy hinted at growth after years of depression.

But since the economic crisis struck last August, about 50 members of the American Chamber of Commerce have left the country.

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# City Council to discuss expenditure for sculpture

By Christy Kilgore  
City editor

Charleston City Council members are expected to approve, at tonight's meeting, the expenditure of \$1,500 in tourism funds for a steel sculpture to be mounted on City Hall.

The City Council meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

The sculpture, which will be constructed by Cary Knoop, local artist and husband of council member Marge Knoop, will be a steel sculpture of the Lincoln Penny, said City Manager Bill Riebe.

Construction of the sculpture is expected to be completed sometime in mid-summer, Riebe said.

Within the same resolution funds, the council is set to consider

authorizing the expenditure of \$3,500 to the Charleston Firefighters Local 3200 to purchase fireworks, according to the official City Council Agenda.

The City Council also is set to approve an ordinance establishing truancy as unlawful in Charleston, Riebe said.

"The school board has a policy right now and this will make it enforceable by the city," Riebe said.

The council is also set to approve a motion placing the annual budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000 on file for public inspection, Riebe said.

In other business the city council will consider:

- a resolution authorizing the city to apply for \$200,000 in CDAP funds on behalf of Mooney Motors, 1508 18th St., for improvements to

the facility.

- two ordinances providing tax increment financing funds to Dan Kelly for the purchase and renovation of the building located at 510 Sixth St. and Trevor and Lisa Doughty for the purchase and renovation of the building located at 607 Monroe Ave.

- an ordinance granting Brian and Jeanette Babbs a variance allowing the construction of a detached garage at 827 Foxcrest Dr.

- a motion awarding the city's annual mowing contract to the lowest responsible bidder and allowing the city to enter an annual agreement for the services.

- a motion awarding the city's annual printing contract to the lowest responsible bidders and allowing the city to enter an annual agreement for the services.

# Students to play for the grade

By Meghan McMahon  
Staff editor

Two groups of Eastern students will be performing a music recital tonight as part of a chamber music course.

The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Center.

Diane Boyd, associate professor of fine arts, said students will perform a horn ensemble and a flute ensemble at the recital. The horn ensemble will be featured first.

She said participation in the recital will factor into the grade the students receive in their chamber music course.

"They do sign up for the groups for a class so it is part of the class,"

Boyd said.

The horn ensemble will play three pieces and will be directed by Christopher Smith, associate professor of fine arts, Boyd said.

Horn ensemble members include Eastern students Sheila Crotty, Holly Good, Laney Grimes, Justin Klarer, Edie Ochsner, Sarah Ragains, Charles Rice and Kim Yarbor.

The pieces the horn ensemble will perform include "Singing and Laughing," by Luigi Cherubini, "Album Leaf," by A. Louis Scarmolin and three choruses by Felix Mendelsohn. The choruses include "Drinking Song," "In the South," and "Hunting Song."

The flute ensemble will play five selections and will be directed

by Boyd.

Flute ensemble members include Amanda Curtis, Katherine Garrett, Kimberly Gorak, Susannah Happ, Anee Hornyak, Clara Loy, Tara Richter and Sarah VanNattan.

The flute ensemble pieces include "March from Act III of Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart, "Meditation," by Stella Sung, "Concerto from Canata 124," by Bach, "Trois Pieces: Tres modere, Andantino and Allegro," by Eugene Bozza and "Reflections," by Ricky Lombardo.

Boyd said performing in the recital is a good experience for students.

"This is more of a capstone experience," she said.

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# Speech team ranks 24th at nationals

By Dan Ochwat  
Activities editor

Eastern's speech team traveled, during the weekend, to the University of Alabama to compete in a weekend-long tournament in which they finished 24th out of 110 teams competing.

The tournament began Thursday and lasted through Sunday. Eastern's team had to qualify for the invitational by finishing in the top three of at least three tournaments during the 15-tournament regular season schedule.

Shane Miller, assistant speech professor, said "(the team) did really well, there was a lot of fierce competition."

The team had six members go to

the invitational which had eight categories of speaking: persuasive, extemporaneous, poetry, prose, dramatic interpretation, duo interpretation, impromptu and after dinner speaking.

Eastern's team had a two individual winners in the extemporaneous competition with Keith Karlson, senior political science major, finishing fifth in the extemporaneous competition and Matthew Briesacher, senior political science and speech communications major, finishing as a quarter finalist, finishing within the top 24 contestants.

Miller said the team expected to finish in the top quarter of the competition, which Bradley University won.



Ali Brooks/ Staff photographer

## Charlie!

Charlie, the squirrel, enjoys an ear of corn Monday afternoon in front of McKinney Hall. Charlie has earned much recognition from the residents of the Triad.

# Financial problems bigger concern for students than faculty

Eastern's Counseling Center to present survey of students and faculty regarding various topics of concern

By Dan Ochwat  
Activities editor

Eastern's Counseling Center surveyed 283 students and 167 faculty and staff about how they rank from most important to least important 34 different areas including financial concerns and psychological concerns.

The results of the survey are being presented in a discussion titled "The Survey Says," by David Onestak, director of the counseling center. The presentation begins at

7 p.m. Wednesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Onestak said the survey was created through looking at other surveys done by other college campuses to find out the areas students and faculty are concerned with. The categories deal with drinking, relationships, difficulty with parents, sexually transmitted diseases and others.

Onestak said the results were very surprising and the students'

top ten concerns were clearly different than the top ten concerns of faculty and staff. There also were differences between gender, he said.

An example of the disparity between faculty and students is that students rank financial concerns very high, while faculty and staff rank it really low, Onestak said.

Onestak wants students to attend the discussion so he can generate discussion regarding the survey and whether the survey

mimics the concerns of the students, or if the sample was skewed a bit.

"I want to normalize (the students)," he said. "Students can see they are not alone and their worries are just like everybody else's."

Onestak said he wants to get the audience involved to see if the survey makes sense, why it does or does not and what to do about it, he said.

One of the goals is for outreach programs to find out what bothers students the most and touch on

those areas, Onestak said.

Onestak said he especially wants to encourage faculty and staff to attend the presentation to see what troubles students the most.

"Faculty may know how to help," he said.

Faculty also should attend the discussion to see students' perception of concerns because it most likely is not what they think, Onestak said.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

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# Intramural softball roundup

## Men's league Sig Ep Red 12, E. Punk All Stars 2

After their first two hitters scored in the top of the first inning, the East Punk All Stars were shut out for the remainder of the game as Sig Ep Red pounded their way to a 12-2 victory.

The Punk Stars jumped out to the 2-0 lead, but the Sig Ep Reds answered with a five-run first inning, and never looked back scoring four more runs in the second en route to the 10-run victory.

For the Sig Eps, the win was especially sweet after coming off a difficult loss last week.

"We were coming off a tough loss in extra innings last week," Sig Ep Red's Scott Busam said. "And today we came through and showed we're good as gold, if not better."

Busam, who was 3-for-3 on the day with three RBI, felt it was his responsibility to lead the Sig Eps to the win.

"They picked me as the captain, so I felt I had to assume the leadership role and get the team going," he said.

Mike Vanderbilt came through with a trio of singles for the Sig Eps while Brent Stewart and Chris Collins each added a single and a homerun.

Dan Witzigreuter led the way for the East Punk All Stars with a pair of singles and a run scored.

■ By Bill Ruthhart

## Lambda Chi Alpha 17, Sigma Nu 2

After jumping out to an early lead, Sigma Nu was quickly dismissed by Lambda Chi as the game was ended after three innings due to the 15-run slaughter rule.

The Sig Nu's jumped out to an early two run lead in the first inning, but Lambda Chi answered with 10 runs in the bottom half of the first to put the game out of reach.

"The win felt good," Lambda Chi's Kevin Yates said. "We got beat pretty bad last week, so we'll take the win."

Yates led Lambda Chi both at the plate and on the mound, going 2-for-2 and knocking in five runs while holding the Sig Nu's to two runs on three hits, all of which came in the first inning.

"I've pitched for three years," Yates said. "So the experience is definitely a big help and I had great defense behind me which helped us get the outs."

Eric Scofield led Lambda Chi's power surge, blasting two homeruns and driving in six runs while Bob Hazima contributed a homer, double and single. Tim Hazima scored three runs on a pair of singles and a walk.

Scott Kirk led the Sig Nu's with a triple and a run scored while Zach Kuethe chipped in a double in his only at bat.

If Lambda Chi can keep up its offensive power, Yates feels good about his team's potential for the rest of the season.

"If we can keep hitting like we did today," Yates said, "Then we should do pretty well."

■ By Bill Ruthhart

# Men's tennis team hosts Illinois-Springfield today

By David Pump  
Staff writer

Eastern's men's tennis team hosts Illinois-Springfield at 4 p.m. today – a day before its match against Ohio Valley Conference foe and perennial power Murray State.

"We have not played Illinois-Springfield in two years, so I do not know what to expect from them," Eastern senior Brad Cook said.

The last time the Panthers and the Prairie Stars met was in the Fall of 1997 with Eastern winning 4-3, Cook said. In that meeting, the Stars mainly consisted of seniors, so this time around, the senior expects Illinois-Springfield to be a young squad.

"The last time we faced them, most of the team was composed of seniors, so I expect them to have a lot of freshmen and sophomores," Cook said.

The Panthers (7-7) are currently in the midst of a four-match winning streak, and the match against NAIA's Illinois-

Springfield may be just what Eastern needs heading into the match against a strong Murray squad.

"It will be more of an advantage for us heading into Murray if we beat Illinois-Springfield," freshman Chris Huse said. "We have a streak going and hopefully we will beat them. We are playing really well and they are an NAIA team."

"If Murray has had a couple of days off, and we are coming off of a match, we will be ready for them."

Freshman Andy Baker agrees on the importance of victory over Illinois-Springfield, but he said traveling to Murray may be tough on the team.

"We should be in good enough condition so playing the next day should not matter," Baker said. "But it is going to be a long drive and that may hurt us."

Against Eastern Kentucky on Friday, Huse was the hero, winning the final match to give Eastern a 1-0 conference record.

"When a freshman wins like

that, it gives all of (the other freshmen) the confidence to know they can win big matches," Cook said. "Friday was a big win for us and it gives us a lot of momentum heading into this week."

That momentum, has effected other freshmen including Baker, who also collected a victory against Eastern Kentucky.

"There is a lot of confidence that I have built," Baker said. "Mentally it was tough for me (at the beginning of the season) because everyone I have competed against has been a foreign player, so it will be nice to compete in the conference."

Baker said it is difficult to put all of the focus on the team's momentum, because they face different opponents and conditions every match.

"Everyday the momentum changes and the weather changes," Baker said. "All we can do is just go out and play our match."

"(Today) it is going to be windy, tough and sometimes momentum doesn't play into that situation."

## Battle

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"We have to eliminate the free passes and kicking the ball," Stewart said. "No matter who you're playing or when you're playing them, those have to be taken care of."

And if the Panther offense performs like they did against Murray State this past weekend, the Redbird defense cannot afford to make those kind of mental mistakes. Against the Thoroughbreds, the Eastern bats had 35 hits, includ-

ing sophomore left fielder Keith Laski, who went 6-for-11 in the series.

Also showing a strong offensive performance was 1998 OVC Player of the Year third baseman Matt Marzec, who went 4-for-9.

Schmitz said he looks for the Eastern offense to continue to crank out hits this week, especially since the team has been able to practice outdoors more.

"We got some confidence back, which is what we needed," Schmitz said. "Everything came together and I anticipate a lot of hits during the mid week."

Taking the mound for the Redbirds to try and calm down the Panther bats will be junior left hander Brian Forystek. On the season, Forystek has a 7.92 ERA and a 1-2 overall record. He has appeared in 30 innings and given up a team-leading seven homers.

Stewart said his starter is better than what people read on the statistics.

"He has great ability," the Redbird coach said. "If you look at his statistical information, he doesn't look that impressive, but he has the capability to look good. He just has to smooth things out."

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# Confidence builder?

Softball team looks to gain momentum with today's twin bill

By Kristin Rojek  
Staff writer

With their first conference win behind them, the Panthers will carry their confidence boost into today's 4 p.m. doubleheader against Western Illinois and continue to make improvements on hitting before a strenuous weekend with three more conference games.

The win Saturday against Tennessee-Martin evened up Eastern's conference record at 2-2 and head coach Lloydene Searle said that today's game is important for preparation for this weekend.

"It is always nice to win a game and (Western) will better prepare us for Tennessee State, but we're going to approach tomorrow like any other game," she said.

The Panthers had no errors on Saturday and Searle emphasized their solid performance was a result of the excellent pitching staff and the support from the freshman who stepped up in the game.

"We need balance throughout each class as the veterans continue to improve and they combine with the freshmen talent," Searle said. "Our combination of offense and defense increases with each game."

Although Western isn't a conference game, a win is important for the Panthers not only to improve their record, but to carry their confidence into the weekend play as well.

"It feels good to get some wins and we are confident going into Western," junior outfielder Adrienne Noll said. "We're going into this game with the same attitude as any other game and this game is especially important to prepare for this weekend."

Western comes into today's game with a 16-15 record after a weekend split against Loyola.

"They have good pitching and athleticism and a couple of good wins at SIU," Searle said.

The Panthers inability to hit has been turning around as of late, mainly because Searle has been working on the team's fundamentals with contact of the ball.

"As a team we haven't been hitting the ball well, but it's getting better and we know we can do it," Noll said.

Balance within the team is also what



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Junior Panther second baseman Julie Fonda contemplates stealing a base in a game against Illinois State earlier this season. Fonda is 17-of-20 stealing bases and leads the OVC.

Searle is looking for in today's game. If the team is able to bring balance in the games, she said they will have the confidence to carry them through the weekend of conference play.

"Our pitching has come along and is very consistent," Searle said. "They come right back after they have a hit or a walk and all of our pitchers have a win

behind them."

Senior pitcher Stacy Siebert had her first win of the season, pitching over the weekend against Tennessee State and confidence is also a big factor for her.

"It was getting frustrating, but this has helped build confidence and made me feel better," Siebert said. "It's put my feet back under me."

# Intra-state battle at Monier Field

Illinois State, Eastern face each other at 3 p.m. today

By Matt Wilson  
Staff writer

Two teams gaining confidence as the season moves on will hook up at 3 p.m. today at Monier Field when Eastern takes on intra-state rival Illinois State.

Eastern (11-16, 5-4) is coming off a weekend where it took two-of-three games from Ohio Valley Conference-leader Murray State, and has now won four of its last five.

The Redbirds are coming off a weekend where they swept the OVC's Middle Tennessee to put them on a five-game winning streak.

Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said after taking two-of-three from Murray, the Panthers will use the mid-week games against Illinois State and Chicago State as a way to improve on some of the mistakes made against the Thoroughbreds.

"At this point we are looking at what we need to do regarding some of the weaknesses we had in the last series," Schmitz said.

Illinois State will not be the first Valley team the Panthers have seen this season, as Eastern has already played Indiana State twice. Schmitz said he does not know much about the Redbird team coming to Charleston, but he does know how tough the level of play in the Missouri Valley is.

"They are all very sound baseball teams," Schmitz said. "Some differ in styles depending on their coaches."

If Schmitz knows anything about the Redbird team, it is how tough the middle of their lineup is. The heart of the middle of the order is Ryan Duncheon. The MVC leader in homers banged out one more last weekend against Middle Tennessee to increase his amount to 12.

Also in the heart of the order for the 21-8 Redbirds is junior Ryan Knox. He leads the team with 10 doubles and is second on the team with seven homers and 30 runs batted in.

Schmitz said he does not know who is going to get the starting nod against the strong Redbirds offense, as he said a lot of pitchers would be used in the two non-conference games this week. But because of the strong middle line up, he said the key for whoever is on the mound is to not give up the big inning.

While the strength of the Redbird team is offense, head coach Jeff Stewart said the weakness has been consistency on the field. He said some of the losses his team has suffered this season are because of his team's own mistakes.

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# Well, when I lived on the streets as a thief...

**B**race yourselves for this one. Many of you may be surprised by this, but boxing matches may be fixed. I know, I couldn't believe it either. A sport as pure and honest as professional wrestling is being investigated for possibly tampering with the outcome of fights.

Sounds like another witch hunt to me. There is no substantial evidence to back up this argument, yet former heavyweight champion George Foreman is still being subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury in Newark, N.J.

The grand jury is investigating charges of corruption in boxing's sanctioning organizations.

Don't worry, I am sure they won't find anything. Foreman doesn't think so either.

"I think boxing is full of fools, more nuts than crooks," the former champ said. "A crook wouldn't be as stupid as the way I have seen some of these people in boxing behave."

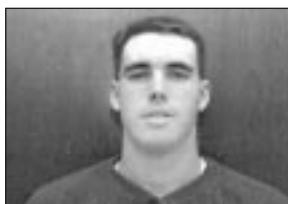
So how would you know about the behavior of thieves, Mr. Foreman?

"When I lived on the streets as a thief, I would try to hide when I stole something," Foreman said.

"When I did steal and people were looking, I would leave something to make them think it didn't happen."

Very ingenious, but it sounds like you have taken one too many uppercuts to the head in your day, George.

Foreman is scheduled to appear before the grand jury later this month. The focus of the grand jury's investigation stems from last month's Evander Holyfield - Lennox Lewis



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"fight".

Lewis clearly dominated the fight, but the outcome was a draw.

The only judge to have the guts to say that Holyfield won, was Eugenia Williams, the IBF representative.

With Holyfield being the IBF champion, there is clearly a case for tampering to be made.

"We could be looking at tampering or illegal payments," a source close to the investigation said. "Then again, maybe we're looking at lousy judging, which is not a crime."

True, but couldn't we make a push for utter stupidity to be outlawed? But I guess that would flood the courts to no end, so we better forget about that.

Worried that they might miss out on some of the action, gambling investigators are throwing their hat into the ring, so to speak.

More than \$1 million in bets may have been placed on Holyfield just hours before the

fight, causing the odds to slide drastically in Holyfield's favor.

But once again, I am sure they will find nothing. This sort of thing happens all the time. It's called having inside information. Too bad it backfired when the fight was ruled a draw.

Some are saying the betting pattern was so unusual that the bets must have been placed with inside knowledge of the outcome.

So is boxing fixed, or is Foreman right when he says there is just a lot of stupid people involved? Sounds to me like the answer is a little from column A and a little from column B.

"To clean up boxing you've got to get honest people in there," Foreman said. "But tell me, how do you avoid the stupid ones.?"

Good question. We are talking about a sport where two men stand toe to toe knowing they are going to get the beating of a lifetime every-time they step into the ring.

Can you really weed out the stupid people?