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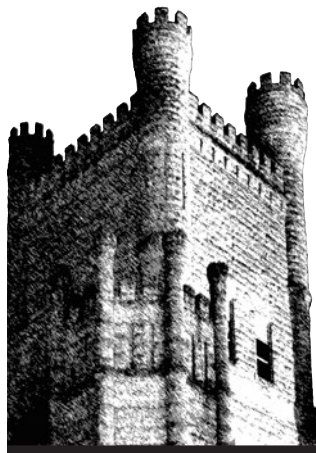
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Plan B becoming more prevalent

The morning after pill has been more popular at Eastern

BY MEGAN JURINEK
CAMPUS REPORTER

The morning after pill, also known as Plan B, is on the rise at Eastern.

"I think it's a great idea," said Lisa Guiliani, a junior secondary education major.

Nita Shrader, the head registered nurse at Health Services, said that word of mouth is getting out that the pills are being offered.

Within the last few years, she said the number of cases has increased. It has gone from only two to three cases a week to currently 12 to 15 cases.

Plan B is a take home package students receive which contains four pills, Shrader said. Women are instructed to take two pills and wait 12 hours to take the next two.

She said the pills are a dosage of hormones that keep the fertilized egg from attaching itself to the wall of the uterus. They do not prevent the egg from being fertilized, only from being implanted. If the egg is not implanted, it will not survive.

There is a \$20 charge for the pills and they need to be administered within 72 hours of exposure.

Upset stomach can be a common side effect but can be managed by medications that treat nausea and vomiting, Shrader said.

Women can take the pill as many times as needed. Some women who are on a contraceptive and have sex with a condom that breaks or falls off may think they need to come in and take the pills.

Health Services recommends that students use condoms not only as a



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Plan B, the morning after pill, has become more popular at Eastern. The pills are offered at Health Services for \$20 and are to be taken within 72 hours of intercourse.

contraceptive, but also as a way to prevent obtaining a sexually transmitted disease, Shrader said.

"We don't tell you to use condoms in order to make your birth control pill work. It's to protect you from STDs," she said. "Your pill,

your Nuva Ring, your patch or whatever you are using is working very effectively for birth control."

As of now, there is no specific waiting period between how often

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Eastern assesses financial aid money

The number of students on financial aid is on the rise

BY JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

There were 9,056 Eastern students who received some form of financial aid in fiscal year 2004, an increase of 364 students from the previous fiscal year.



JONE ZIEREN

Eastern President Lou Hencken announced at the Board of Trustees meeting Jan. 24 that Eastern received \$62.7 million in financial aid in fiscal year 2004.

Among Eastern students who borrowed money for their educations, the average debt was \$14,700, Hencken said.

While Hencken said he understands that it is a large amount of money, he put it into perspective by comparing it to the costs many students will pay for new cars, which will benefit students for a little while compared to college educations that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

"If you divide \$14,700 by four years, that means the average student borrowed \$3,675 each year or \$1,838 per semester," said

Jone Zieren, Eastern's director of financial aid.

"Our financial aid funds have been level the past few years and are awarded on a first come, first serve basis," she said.

She said the ability for students to get financial aid depends on family income, and opportunities to apply and obtain federal, state, institutional and private sources of financial assistance. Some of the ways students can attain financial aid are through loans, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and employment.

"Students who take the initiative to exhaust all possible sources of financial aid may find it easier to receive aid," Zieren said.

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Eastern employees survey the interior of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Nov. 10. The reconstruction was originally scheduled to be finished in fall of 2006, but now the date is set to run through August 2007.

Fine arts departments hope for the best

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Departments displaced by the delayed renovation of Doudna Fine Arts Center are cautiously optimistic with construction scheduled to begin next month.

The reconstruction of Doudna was originally scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2006 but now will run through August 2007.

"I'm anxious to be there," said David Wolski, professor of theatre arts.

Wolski joked about conspiracy theories explaining the delays.

"I sometimes think there might have been some sort of power struggle in Springfield that we aren't aware of," Wolski said.

The project has seen numerous false starts, including when Gov. Rod Blagojevich froze funding in the fall of 2003 and when the project plans had to be approved by the Illinois Capital Development Board in the fall of 2004.

Wolski said he has not been worn down by the repeated delays.

"I wouldn't say that I'm tired of it," Wolski said. "(Lawson Hall is) a home away from home, but it's not home."

The music, art and theatre departments have been operating out of the second and third floors of Lawson Hall since fall 2002 when the Doudna Center was closed for renovations.

"We've settled into these offices, even though they were supposed to be temporary," said Patricia

Belleville, associate professor of art.

Belleville's office is often filled with the melodies of songs from the music department directly below her, a reminder of the unusual arrangements.

The phrase "anticipate the extraordinary" on the sign in front of the building has become the focus of jokes around campus because of the project's many delays.

"I'm hopeful. It sounds more optimistic than before, now that the money has been released," Belleville said.

Wolski said he is accustomed to working out of Lawson but still will be happy when the Doudna renovation is underway.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the fences go up and the construction begin," Wolski said.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
41
28
Mostly sunny

FRIDAY
45
33
Sunny

SATURDAY
49
33
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY
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40
Few showers

MONDAY
46
39
Rain

CAMPUS BRIEFS

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The African-American Studies will present a program on career opportunities in the United States Foreign Service in the Charleston-Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. The guest speaker will be Stephen G. Brundage, chair of the African Area Studies of the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, D.C.

1 p.m. Resume Blitz at Career Services, room 1301. Get your resume critiqued in preparation for Spring Career Network Day. You must bring completed resume with you.

3 p.m. Find information fast at Booth Library in the Booth Library e-classroom. This is a free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information.

3 p.m. Blues 101 lecture in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Need a quick break from the office? Do you really enjoy the Blues? Come to this interactive lecture with renowned Blues artist Fruteland Jackson. Bring your instruments if you have them.

5 p.m. RHA meeting in the Andrews Hall basement lobby.

6 p.m. Job Fair preparation workshop in Career Services, 1301. Get tips on how to be successful at the Spring Career Network Day.

POLICE BLOTTER

FEB. 2, 2005

On Friday, Kevin Winston, 20, Charleston, was arrested at the intersection of 12th Street and Greek Court Road at 12:09 a.m. on charges of possession of cannabis and driving with a suspended license.

On Sunday, John Kelsey, 18, Orland Park, was arrested at Carman Hall at 12 a.m. for possession of drug equipment, possession of cannabis, and possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

On Sunday, Aaron M. Moore, 21, Bradley, was arrested at the intersection of Fourth Street and Roosevelt at 4:09 a.m. on the charge of driving under the influence.

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

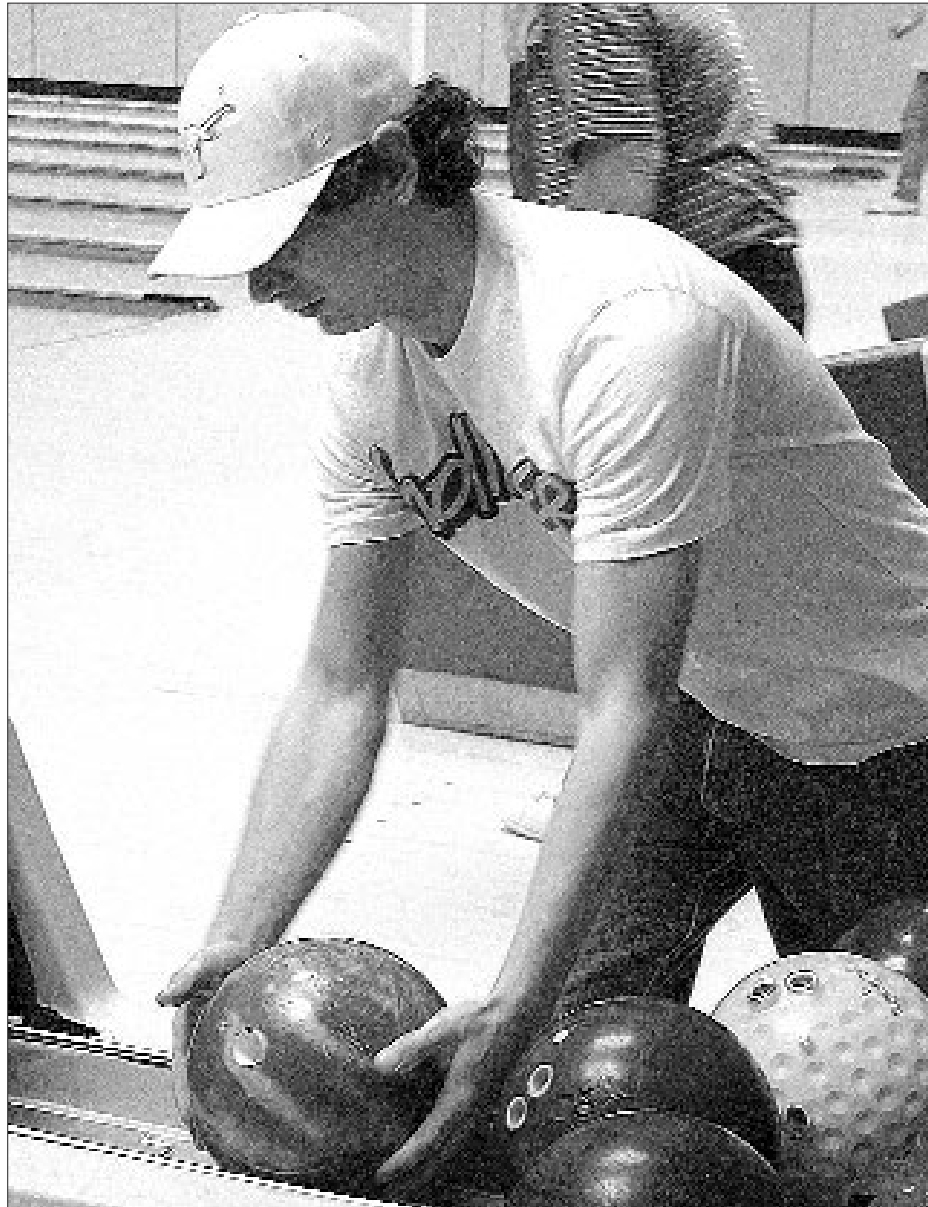
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Officials fold on poker

In the face of the growing popularity of poker, many law enforcement agencies are cracking down on even smaller games in private residences. The Champaign-Urbana, Ill., community, however, is willing to let the games continue, especially where University of Illinois students are concerned.

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PICK A BALL!



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Adam Brimmer, of Charleston, retrieves his favorite bowling ball during the men's bowling league on Wednesday evening. Brimmer ended up with a 255 after bowling six strikes in a row.

ONLINE POLL

What aspect of the Super Bowl are you most excited about?

- A) The game.
- B) The commercials.
- C) Another wardrobe malfunction!
- D) An end to all the hype.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

BLUES 101	3 P.M.	BOOTH LIBRARY E-CLASSROOM
Interactive lecture on the history of blues by renowned Blues artist Fruteland Jackson.		
RHA MEETING	5 P.M.	ANDREWS HALL BASEMENT LOBBY
Residence Hall Association meeting on issues.		
JOB FAIR PREPARATION WORKSHOP	6 P.M.	CAREER SERVICES, 1301 HSC
Get tips on how to be successful at the Spring Career Network Day.		

WTF?

Inmates want human rights

MEXICO CITY — Deprived of their flat-screen TVs, mobile phones, pizza deliveries and long visits from lovers, inmates at Mexico's top security prison complained on Monday they are being treated "like dogs."

A government crackdown in prisons, aimed especially at drug lords and other violent criminals, has the prisoners of La Palma jail close to Mexico City up in arms at the "sub-human" conditions they face.

PEOPLE

Paris gets out of charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors said Wednesday they will not file charges against Paris Hilton stemming from a scrape at a newsstand in which she allegedly pocketed a copy of her homemade sex video without paying.

The county district attorney's office dropped the case for lack of evidence after investigating the hotel heiress for suspicion of petty theft.

"The evidence presented is not of such convincing force that a reasonable and objective jury would unanimously agree that the suspect is guilty," said Irene Wakabayashi of the district attorney's office.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until spring break begins.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

Staying up late, getting up early the story of an RA's life

Residence Hall Assistants have many demands

BY DAN LADEUR
STAFF WRITER

The common theory about resident assistants is they are around only to get residents in trouble, and they get a single dorm room along with it. The life of an RA is not as simple as people think. Their responsibilities are vast. In this interview with Ben Hart, a junior English major and RA of the third floor of Thomas Hall North, he explains what made him want to become an RA.

LaDeur: What made you want to become an RA?

Hart: I enjoy working with other students to ensure they have the most productive and enjoyable time at Eastern that they can possibly have.

LaDeur: What was your first year as an RA?

Hart: My first semester as an RA was in Thomas Hall, fall 2003.

LaDeur: What's a typical day as an RA?

Hart: Going to class just like everyone else, checking with my directors for updates on information, talking with students and being available for them if they need me. If it were a duty night, I

would work with another RA to ensure the safety of the hall and to be on call in case of emergency.

LaDeur: What do you do to ensure the safety of the hall?

Hart: I make sure that certain policies and laws are being followed, to be aware of suspicious behavior, and to make sure doors are locked, residents are healthy and safe, etc.

LaDeur: How often are you "on duty"?

Hart: This semester I am on duty Mondays and approximately 1 weekend per month. It works out to be roughly six days per month in total.

LaDeur: What's the best part of being an RA?

Hart: The friends I've met along the way and the things that I've been able to learn.

LaDeur: What's the most bizarre thing you have come across as an RA?

Hart: Pet bats flying in the hallway, 40-foot slip and slides, laser aimed B.B. gun wars, floods, fires, too many things to recount...

LaDeur: What's the worst part of the job?

Hart: On the weekend, duties occasionally run until the very wee hours of the morning. Staying awake and focused on the job can be a challenge.

LaDeur: Do you find it difficult to do well at school while being an RA?

Hart: No, on the contrary it helps me manage my time more productively than I could ever on my own. When I

am on duty, for instance, times between rounds give me an opportunity to work on homework because I have to stay in the building.

LaDeur: Does it interfere with having a fun social life?

Hart: On a few occasions duty has fallen on weekends when it would be fun to be elsewhere, but on the whole I don't find it to be an impediment to my social life. These time conflicts happen at every job.

LaDeur: Do you feel you have been able to make more friends because of it?

Hart: Yeah, R.A.'s get put right in the center of a bustling floor community and are basically hired to be their spokespeople. I became friends with many residents, coworkers and staff because of the position.

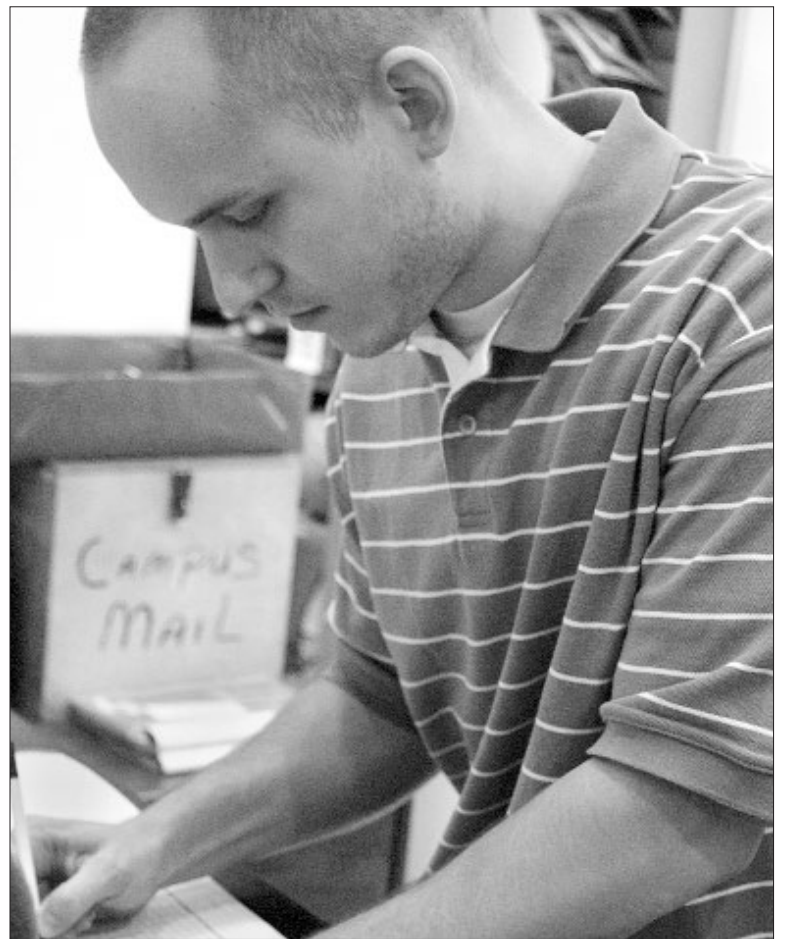
LaDeur: Was the fact that you would get a single room a big selling point?

Hart: No, I can honestly say the single never really was a selling point. Plus, the student population my first semester was so large that they were questioning whether or not RAs would even get singles. That's not the case anymore, but it was. I'm glad that I do, though, because I'm an only child and a light sleeper. I'm used to my own room.

LaDeur: Do the 4 a.m. phone calls about something happening on the floor aggravate you?

Hart: Yes, they can be aggravating, but I'm being paid to do things like that.

LaDeur: Overall do you enjoy



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Ben Hart, a junior English major, works at the front desk in Thomas Hall Wednesday afternoon.

being an RA?

Hart: Definitely.

The residents on Hart's floor also appreciate his hard work.

"He seems more of a friend than RA," said Kevin Staneart, a sophomore accounting major.

When asked about how strict he is on policy, Staneart said, "Not really, but he does what he has to do; if you're

out of control he'll do something about it."

However busy Hart may be with his duties, he is always there for his residents.

"He always keeps his door open from early in the morning to late in the evening and he's always willing to talk about anything at anytime, even while he's doing his homework," said Chris Morrison, a junior history major.

Eastern student first of many to testify in Graham case

BY HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

Eastern student Kale Martin took the stand Wednesday to testify about fights that broke out in La Bamba's parking lot in 2003 leading to the arrest of five people.

Three of those people, Lee Graham, Seniece Graham and William Graham, are all being tried this week in Coles County Circuit Court.

Although Martin could not provide any specific information pertaining to the defendants, Bob Dunst, Lee Graham's attorney, said more Eastern

students or former Eastern students would testify before the end of the trial.

A special order was issued by Judge Mitch Shick, who is presiding over the trial, that prevents the attorneys, parties and party representatives, and/or agents from discussing or disclosing specific testimony to witnesses who have not yet testified.

"This precludes a disclosure of in-court testimony until after the future witness has testified," Shick said.

Dunst requested the order after Officer John Bennett, who is sitting with the prosecution and testifying as a witness during the trial, was found

speaking to Officer Kirk Hildebrand and another member of the Charleston Police Department during a recess in the middle of Hildebrand's testimony.

Hildebrand was the only other witness who testified Wednesday, confirming that the atmosphere on Sept. 26, 2003, the night the incident occurred, was chaotic and disorganized.

"I observed probably 100 individuals pushing, shoving and arguing back and forth," Hildebrand said. "The area was full when I got there; it was jam packed."


Lee Graham is being charged with aggravated

battery and obstructing a peace officer after he allegedly struggled with Charleston police officers, resisting handcuffing and striking a police officer.

Seniece Graham is being charged with aggravated battery after she allegedly pushed a Charleston police officer while he was performing his duties.

William Graham is being charged with threatening a police officer after he allegedly verbally threatened members of the Charleston Police Department.

The trial will resume 9 a.m. Thursday in courtroom one of the Coles County Courthouse on the Square.



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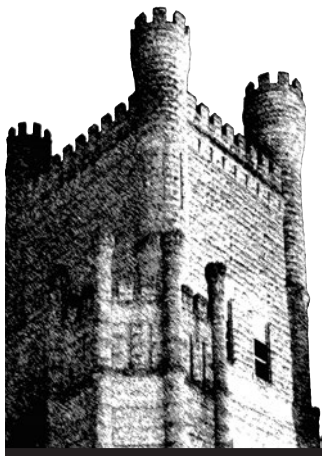
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COLUMN

Cold times call for a warm friend



DAN WOIKE

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Woike is the sports editor for *The Daily Eastern News*.

I've been neglecting a friend lately, and my guilty conscience forces me to address this issue publicly. This friend is very protective, incredibly useful and always there waiting to help me out. When we're together, I can't help but feel all warm inside.

But as of late, we've been growing apart. I hesitate to be seen in public together. In fact, my sadistic side actually looks forward to not spending time together.

My friend, of course, is my winter jacket.

During the winter months, I embrace any opportunity to leave my room without my winter jacket.

A glimpse of sunshine in the morning equals no winter coat. If it was warm yesterday (like 40 degrees), no winter coat.

After spending far too much time walking around campus in bitterly cold weather, it seems I'm not the only one who feels this way.

Why are there coat-haters?

Well, maybe it's because we all like to convince ourselves that it really isn't February. By acting like it's May, things seem to be less stressful.

And there may be nothing worse than being out, whether at a bar or a party, and being stuck in a bulky winter coat.

But some students are taking this way too far.

One of the last times I hit the town with my coat, it was absolutely freezing. It was the kind of cold that leaves your cheeks red, your ears numb, your eyes

teared and your language filled with things like, "(Expletive deleted), it's (expletive deleted) cold!"

Anyway, I was shivering my way to class when I saw someone walking towards me wearing a hooded sweatshirt — a gutsy move. I admired his anti-jacket stance until my eyes drifted towards the ground (standard reaction when walking by a stranger).

My admiration quickly turned into disbelief - and later into anger - when I noticed he was wearing shorts.

His anti-pants philosophy has haunted me since.

Maybe it's time to face the harsh reality of winter head (and jacket) on. This actually lends itself nicely to metaphor or simile or onomatopoeia.

In life, it's often our nature to just avoid stressful or uncomfortable situations by ignoring them. It's like that phone call we don't want to return or that bank statement we're too nervous to look at.

People, myself very included, tend to pretend these things aren't forcing us to take action, and then we procrastinate, or we block it out. Out of sight, out of mind.

Instead of pretending it's nice enough for sweaters, sweatshirts or fleeces, I vow to more actively wear my winter coat.

I hope some of the guys who are tempted to throw on a pair of shorts the next time the temperature jumps above 37 degrees decide to go with some pants instead.

I extend this urging to cover up, though I never thought I'd say this, to the women of Eastern too. (Immediately after typing this past sentence, I developed a twitch on my left side. Also, hell froze over.)

While putting on my jacket before going outside to smoke (cough, cough) will require a massive life change, I know I'll appreciate the warmth.

Hopefully, a positive life change is in the works, all because some jackass wore shorts. I've never been so positively affected by a man's calves. And God willing, I never will be again.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

Tech fee increase needed

Eastern's Tuition and Fee Committee's recommendation last week on behalf of the Student Technology Fee Committee for a 15 percent increase over two years to enhance students' academic experience is a reasonable request, and Student Senate acted appropriately in approving the bill.

The increase, which will add \$6.25 and \$7.20 over the next two years to the current technology fee of \$41.60 per semester, is within the same ballpark of other state schools.

Currently, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale charges between \$50 and \$72 per semester for technology, depending on student program enrollment. Western Illinois University, as of fall 2004, charged between \$2.45 and \$3.33 per credit hour in computer fees, also depending on the program. This would be \$36.75 to \$49.95 for a 15 hour semester.

Most importantly, this money will improve technology in classrooms and computer labs. Eastern is currently on a plan to replace all computers and equipment every four

At issue

The technology fee increase that was passed by the Student Senate.

Our stance

With education becoming more and more technologically based the fee increase was a good decision by the Student Senate.

years and eventually would like to incorporate VCRs, DVD players and data projectors, which are all networked to a computer and monitor, Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs for technology, previously said.

Teaching is becoming more computer-, network- and Internet-based and will continue to move in this direction.

Technological advances are inevitable, and this fee increase will act as a beneficial investment essential in the progression of Eastern's educational resources.

Also, students frequently experience problems with Eastern's network and internet connection. With fees supporting technological growth and repairs, problems should be detected, repaired and prevented more efficiently because Eastern will have more resources necessary to facilitate problems.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DELTA CHI ARTICLE WAS BIAS; EDITORIAL WRONG

I would like to offer a rebuttal to the opinion offered by the editorial board of the *Daily Eastern News* concerning the status of Delta Chi Fraternity. The editorial board stated that Delta Chi should have lost its charter. How are a group of student journalists qualified to make such a judgment?

The staff of the newspaper really has no idea what went on in the Delta Chi house or if the fraternity should have lost its charter. In fact, the story that ran on Jan. 25 is filled with overstatements, one-sided arguments and blatant false-

hoods.

During my time at Eastern, I saw this paper print countless stories that were false and one sided: the *DEN* is at it again. However this time it is worse. Not only did it print a story that cries out irresponsible journalism, it also printed an editorial that states an opinion it is not qualified to make.

This is like a chiropractor confirming the diagnosis of a brain tumor in a cancer patient. Most reasonable people would not take this diagnosis as a confirmation of terminal cancer.

I hope that the rest of the university sees this the same way. I also hope the next time that a fraternity or sorority

loses its charter the newspaper does a better job of finding out the whole story.

If it does print a story, it should be accurate. Finally, do not print an editorial about a subject it really is not qualified to make a decision on in the first place.

TIM JACKSON
EASTERN GRADUATE 2004

Editor's note: The DEN's reporter attempted to contact numerous members of Delta Chi, and only one would comment. The others refused to comment or did not return the reporter's calls.

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Help for students concerning financial aid

BY SANDRA JAKOB
STAFF WRITER

Students who are planning to apply for fall 2005 financial aid can receive help with their applications.

February is Financial Aid/Admission Awareness Month in Illinois, and two workshops designed to help parents and students who are applying for financial aid are planned to be held at Eastern, said Dianna Ensign, the associate director of financial aid.

"We will have a demonstration on how the government Web site works and we'll walk them through it," Ensign said.

Ensign's office has sent out letters to the high schools in the area, and so far two people have signed up.

Ensign said the workshops are going to be held 6.30 p.m., Feb. 24, and 7 p.m., Feb. 28, in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Workshop admission is by reservation only.

During the one-hour workshop, interested parents and students will be able to ask questions about applying for financial aid. Ensign encourages the parents to bring all the papers they need, such as tax papers, so it will be easier to give proper advice on how they should fill out the applications.

"We'll start off with a brief session on Free Application for Federal Student Aid and how (applying for financial aid online) works," Ensign said.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, ISAC, is the main organizer of financial aid.

ISAC has recognized February as Financial Aid/Admission Awareness Month for several years.

"The interest for receiving financial aid is going up as the cost of college is increasing," said Lori A. Reimers, director of government relations.

The workshops are a way for the advisers to get in touch with people who want to apply for financial aid, Reimers said. ISAC receives a lot of questions about applications all year but especially during February.

"It's a good time to have the workshops now since a lot of people look at their tax papers, and they are important when you apply for financial aid," Reimers said.



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Blues artist Fruteland Jackson will be playing tonight in the 7th Street Underground playing different styles of acoustic blues from contemporary to his originals.

Jackson all about blues

Musician to teach clinic and put on concert at Eastern as part of 'Blues in the Schools'

BY DAVID KUMA
STAFF WRITER

Fruteland Jackson first became serious about playing the blues after the seafood company he owned in Mississippi was destroyed in Hurricane Elena. Although he had grown up around the blues and played the

guitar before the hurricane, he sought refuge in playing the blues after the storm.

Now, Jackson "is one of a selected group of Americans dedicated to gathering, preserving and performing Acoustic Blues, in all their various forms," according to his Web site www.fruteland.com.

Jackson will conduct an interactive Blues 101 workshop today at 3 p.m. at the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union and will also perform a concert from 9-11 p.m. at the 7th Street Underground.

"Blues music is the roots of the music people hear today,"

Jackson said. "It was the basis of all pop music because it was America's first popular music. Before it became popular, people in the United States either listened to classical or big band music."

The concert will feature Jackson performing an array of different styles of blues from its inception as field holler songs to contemporary as well as his own original pieces.

The workshop is part of the All About the Blues Series that Jackson created after being asked to talk about and perform the blues in front of a third grade class.

He was surprised by the response he got from the kids, motivating him to create a curriculum that is taught in the "Blues in the Schools" program across the country. Over 50,000 students of all ages now participate in the "Blues in the Schools" program.

After the "Blues in the Schools" program was introduced, it spawned the "Blues in the Hood" program, designed with a focus on "high-risk" students.

"Blues music doesn't tolerate anger because it helps people vent in more ways than one," he said. "Not only is it emotional salvation for some, but (it) develops creativity and breaks down all social barriers because it has something for everyone."

AASP symposium to discuss Africa's resources

BY TEAGUE MOLLOY
STAFF WRITER

The African American Studies Program will host a symposium titled, "Natural Resources in Africa: Curse or Blessing?" in the Phipps Lecture Hall, room 1205, in the Physical Sciences Building from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Stephan G. Brundage, chair of the Africa Area and Studies Foreign Service Institute will be one of the keynote speakers. He said he will discuss Africa's dependence on the export of natural resources.

"I will then examine the various proposals and initiatives for improving governance in Africa's resource dependent economies," Brundage said.

He said some experts estimate one of three new barrels of oil that will reach world markets over the next decade will come from Africa.

"With this coming boom in African oil production, the risks as well as the opportunity for resource dependent governments and their populations will be greater than ever, as will the consequences for the world economy if civil strife in Africa's oil producing regions disrupt supply and leads to higher oil prices," Brundage said.

In addition to this, Brundage said the scramble for Africa's natural resources among outside powers, as well as by competing forces within African countries, has played a definite role in shaping the continent's history and development.

Africa's abundant petroleum and minerals reserves have long been prized by African leaders, coveted by colonialists and exploited by corporations and governments alike, Brundage said.

Toyin Falola, professor of African history at the University of Texas in Austin, will join Brundage at the speech.

Toyin is the author of numerous books with the University of Rochester Press. She is also the co-editor of the Journal of African Economic History, serves as Editor of Rochester Studies in African History and the Diaspora and s as Editor of Classic Authors and Texts on Africa by the Africa World Press.

He said he has received numerous awards and honors including the Nelson Mandela Professorship.

He outlined his major points for the symposium as land, minerals, uses, globalization, wars and conflict and survival strategies for the resources and their impacts on Africa and the world.

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Wild, stupid fundraising not so stupid

McKinney Hall Council and others unorthodox plan to collect proceeds

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

Its title gives no clue to it, but "Nick Slicer and Associates Are Gonna Do Something Stupid" is actually a hall fundraiser.

"This is a program being instituted by (me) and the McKinney Hall Council is assisting me with it," said Nick Slicer, a McKinney Hall resident assistant. "The program consists mainly of a service auction but will contain some crazier, goofier stuff."

The services being auctioned off include rides to Wal-Mart or classes, laundry services, room cleaning, meal cooking and assistance in proofreading a

paper.

The "crazier things" will be done during the auction, Slicer said.

A few actions will be done to see how much people will pay to enjoy the entertainment. The actions include participants licking whipped cream off of someone's foot and eating an entire piece of paper, Slicer said. There will also be a mystery blender, which will be full of foods that should not be mixed, which Slicer will drink.

"The proceeds from the acts that are being done by people other than Slicer are going toward the McKinney Hall Council's budget because we have a really small budget this year," said Brittany Leslie, McKinney Hall president.

"The other proceeds will go to Project Hope, which is a housing program in the community", Leslie said.

"It will be entertainment slash action," Slicer said. "In the middle, there will be a big overblown

"It will be entertainment slash action...in the middle, there will be a big overblown magic trick to break it up and to give it some variety."

NICK SLICER,
MCKINNEY HALL RESIDENT ASSISTANT

magic trick to break it up and to give it some variety; I am really looking forward to doing it."

The event will be hosted by Zach S. Lowe, a senior English major. Lowe, an associate of Slicer, helped to develop the program.

The fundraiser will start at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the McKinney Hall Lobby.

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Serial killer may be connected to other homicides

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Police agencies want to know if an alleged serial killer who authorities say confessed to eight slayings in the Peoria area is linked to other unsolved homicides in their areas.

Investigators said Wednesday they have received telephone calls from at least five departments asking whether their cold cases could be linked to accused killer Larry Bright, said Lt. Mark Greskoviak, part of a task force investigating the central Illinois deaths.

The cases include a missing acquaintance of Bright's and a woman found dead near where he once lived in Wisconsin.

FORMER POLICE OFFICER IS CHARGED WITH LYING TO FBI

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago police commander who held the highest rank at O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport has been charged with lying to FBI agents investigating the city's scandal-plagued Hired Truck Program, according to a federal complaint unsealed Wednesday.

Michael J. Acosta, 58, appeared before a federal magistrate Wednesday on one count of lying to FBI agents and waived his right to a preliminary hearing. He was released on his own recognizance.

RHA plans for annual retreat, Kid's Weekend

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association will continue to plan its annual transitional retreat and Kids Weekend event at its meeting tonight in Andrews Hall.

The RHA transitional retreat, which is for new and old Hall Council executive board and RHA members, will be held 6 p.m. to midnight April 14. Lindsay DiPietro, RHA president, said she plans to have the new executive board and RHA positions filled by April 7.

The transitional retreat, which will be held in an academic building, will have guest speakers, leadership development programs and team building activities, DiPietro said.

RHA is sponsoring a fund raiser for scholarships called "Pie Your Exec Board." The event will be held April 7, directly after the RHA meeting at 5 p.m.

The RHA programming committee is currently focusing on Kids Weekend, said Elizabeth Gergits, the RHA programming committee chair.

Kids Weekend will be held April 23 and 24. This year's theme is

Treasure EIU, with a pirate and Caribbean style, Gergits said.

"Friday will start with a big group activity in the (Grand) Ballroom, and Saturday will have a picnic. Each hall will be hosting a game," Gergits said. "University Board will be showing 'Shark Tale' on Saturday evening."

The RHA Programming Committee has a goal of 100 children to participate this year, Gergits said. Last year, 65 children were in attendance. Sign up sheets will soon be available at the front desk in each residence hall.

RHA will also have two guest

speakers tonight.

Jon Dean, a resident assistant from Douglas Hall, will speak on the Fair Trade Coalition and sweatshops. Lance Ellington, a resident of Thomas Hall, will be presenting plaques to the winning residence hall councils for the Campus Poker Tour. RHA will vote this week on the constitutional changes and additions concerning membership that have been brought up at the last two meetings, DiPietro said. "Of the Months" will also be announced this week, she said.

RHA meets 5 p.m. Thursday in the Andrews Hall basement.

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The company wants to keep the focus on its new truck model rather than controversy, said Sara Tatchio, spokeswoman for Ford's Lincoln division.

MARTHA STEWART NEW STAR ON 'APPRENTICE'

NEW YORK — The masterminds behind "The Apprentice" Donald Trump and Mark Burnett and NBC announced Wednesday that Stewart will host "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart."

"Mark and I have always admired her," Trump said. "She's a very brave woman. She's built a multimillion-dollar empire. It was an easy decision ..."

CRACKER BARREL CHARGES DISMISSED

AUSTIN, Texas — Prosecutors agreed Wednesday to drop charges against another company that had been indicted in an investigation into a Texas political action committee formed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

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BUSH DIVIDES BABY BOOMERS IN 'THIRD RAIL'

WASHINGTON — President Bush is using a light touch with the third rail of politics. He wants to make big, benefit-cutting changes to Social Security for those who don't trust the program anyhow and promises a hands-off approach for older Americans who consider it a birthright.

The strategy is a result of polling that shows support for Bush's plan is strongest among the youngest workers and weakest among the oldest, with a key demographic group evenly divided: people who are 55 to 64 years old, those closest to retiring.

TWO MEN DIAGNOSED WITH RARE STD

NEW YORK — A rare sexually transmitted disease that can scar the genitals has been found in two patients in New York, and the strain is the same as that recently detected in Europe, the city's health commissioner said Wednesday.

Lymphogranuloma venereum, or LGV, is a form of chlamydia that can damage the bowels and scar the anus. Among the few patients that have been identified in the United States, most also had the AIDS virus, Health Department Commissioner Thomas Frieden said at a news conference.

contributions dismissed. Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Diversified Collections Services Inc. reached similar agreements with prosecutors.

LEAD DETECTIVE GRILLED IN ROBERT BLAKE CASE

LOS ANGELES — The police detective who supervised the Robert Blake murder investigation conceded Wednesday he didn't order a gunshot residue test of the restaurant booth where the actor claimed to have left his gun a key element of his alibi.

Detective Ronald Ito said it didn't occur to him to order tests of the booth seat where Blake said he had left the weapon during dinner with Bonny Lee Bakley or of carpet under the table where Blake claims he found the gun when he returned, leaving his wife alone in his car.

SOLDIER TESTIFIES ABU GHRAIB DEPLORABLE

FORT HOOD, Texas — Conditions at the Abu Ghraib prison were so "deplorable" that rats and wild dogs were a common sight and edible food and water were scarce, a witness testified Wednesday in the penalty phase for a soldier who has pleaded guilty to abusing detainees.

Army Maj. David Dinenna, a leader of Sgt. Javal Davis's military



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John Bailey, carpenters shop, unties a sign from the overhang between Kiohm Hall and Lumpkin Hall and hands it down to Tom Coffey, carpenters shop, Wednesday afternoon. Coffey said, "It's not that we aren't glad you are here, it's just that we have a new sign to put up."

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 - 21 Spirit raisers
 - 22 A ruler may have them
 - 27 Palate-pleasing
 - 28 "That'll teach you!" look
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 - 34 Some bricks
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 - 43 "Honor Thy Father" author
 - 45 Face shape
 - 47 Year that Botticelli died
 - 48 Peace of mind
 - 50 Hit musical revue of 1978
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 - 55 Eyewitness reports, maybe
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PLAN B:

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students take the pills.

"There have been occasions where something occurred and they needed it a week apart, which can be done," Shrader said.

When a student comes in and requests the pill, Health Services will first determine whether the student needs it. They do this by asking questions about birth control and when the episode occurred.

If the student qualifies, a pregnancy test is given to make sure the student is not pregnant from a prior experience. If the student passes the test, she can then see a provider or doctor and receive the pills.

"I think it's a good thing to be safe, but it's also like an easy way out," said Lauren Mandac, a freshman physical education and health major.

"I think it's a good thing to be safe, but it's also like an easy way out."

LAUREN MANDAC, FRESHMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH MAJOR

Shrader said Health Services counsels students when they come. Students can not just walk in, get a prescription and walk out. Health Services wants students to realize there are better choices for contraceptives.

Shrader said if women are accurate in taking their other prescribed contraceptive, they don't need to worry about taking Plan B.

Kathy Boron, a junior geology major, thinks the pills are a good idea as long as they are not taken advantage of.

"I think it's a great concept, but like everything else, I think that there are people out there that will misuse it," Boron said

While Shrader said she thinks Plan B is a much safer form of preventing a pregnancy, it is not a method of birth control. It is a way to help out women who are in a situation where they need something right away.

"My thought is that your hormone levels will go up and down and up and down, where as if you are on something else, your levels stay more balanced and you won't see this swing," Shrader said.

Shrader also mentioned that the pills might be available over the counter soon.

"I think it all boils down to will this be another method of birth control?" she said. "It is not really a good way to manage contraception."

MONEY:

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To ensure students get financial aid, she recommends filing early. Zieren suggested students apply in February and March prior to the fall semester to have the best chance for federal and state aid.

Zieren said since the Pell Grant and State Scholarship programs have not kept pace with rising costs, many students had to borrow loans to go to school.

A Pell grant is a need-based grant to help students pay for school.

The U.S. Congress passed new guidelines allowing the Department of Education to revise the way financial aid need is calculated. The new calculations would result in nearly 90,000 students being cut off from Pell grants nationwide, with 1

Financial aid at Eastern

Amount of financial aid dollars received

◆ Fiscal year 2003: \$57.4 million

◆ Fiscal year 2004: \$62.7 million

Number of students receiving aid

◆ Fiscal year 2003: 8, 692 students

◆ Fiscal year 2004: 9,056 students

million additional students having their Pell grants reduced by an average of \$3,000.

Fifteen hours of tuition and fees for a continuing student costs \$2,739.05, so students are keeping their loan amounts low, Zieren said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW PAGE

Panther workhorse looks for openings

Panther guard make Eastern's hustle plays

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball is a game of chances, and for the Eastern men's basketball team, senior forward Aaron Patterson maximizes his.

Patterson is hitting 60 percent of his shots and averaging seven points.

But, the team's leader in field-goal percentage is only averaging five shots a game.

"I'm not a selfish player," Patterson said. "If I have a chance to score, I score."

With the Panthers heading back onto the road, Patterson might be seeing more chances, said assistant coach Steve Weemer.

"On the road, you can't take quick shots; you have to take good shots," he said. "If you take quick shots and they don't fall, you can get behind really quick."

"We're going to try and turn our offense a little and try and get the ball to (Patterson) for some good shots."

Patterson said he's comfortable not being the team's top offensive threat, and he relishes his role as the team's most physical player.

"That's my role," he said. "I'm a senior, and I don't feel bad about being a physical player."

"I like to bang."

His passion for contact has caused Patterson some foul problems, something Weemer said his forward is improving.

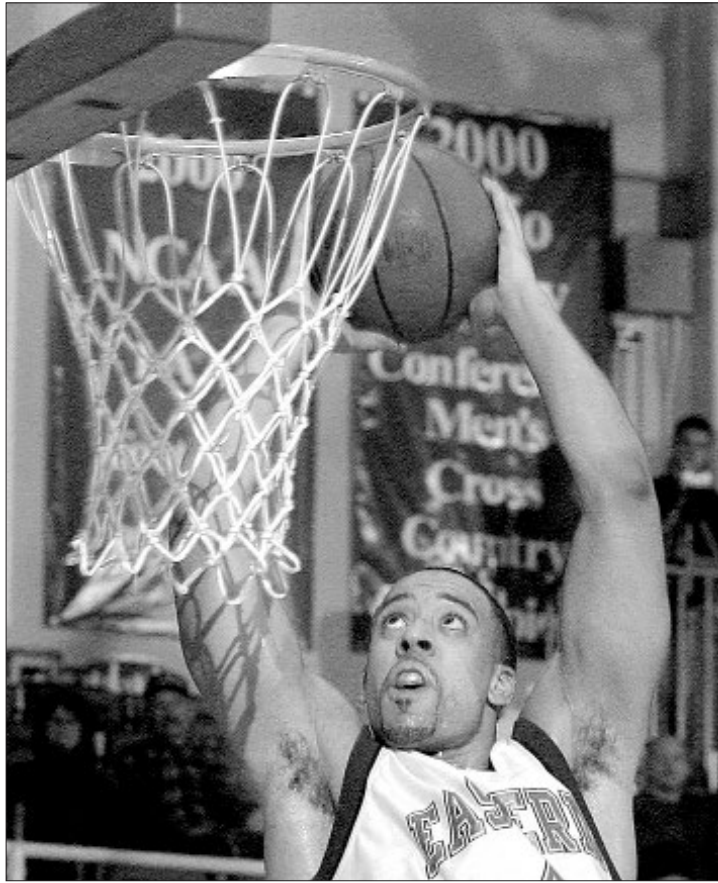
"He picks up some cheap fouls because he is so strong," Weemer said. "He's got to do a better job of not picking up dumb fouls early because we need him on the floor to give us an inside presence."

Though Patterson is listed at a generous 6-foot-5-inch, he usually finds himself guarding bigger players.

Weemer said Patterson neutralizes opponents, even at the expense of his statistics.

"What people don't recognize is that while he might only get six or seven rebounds, he's keeping other guys from grabbing rebounds," Weemer said. "He makes hustle plays."

"The stats don't indicate how well he's done."



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Senior forward Aaron Patterson dunks in a recent home game against Tennessee Tech.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Tennessee Tech	12-7	7-1
Murray State	11-7	6-2
Samford	11-8	6-2
Eastern Kentucky	14-6	6-3
Austin Peay	7-13	5-3
Southeast Missouri	9-10	4-4
Tennessee State	9-13	4-4
Eastern Illinois	8-11	3-5
Morehead State	9-11	3-6
Tennessee-Martin	4-15	1-7
Jacksonville State	5-16	0-8

OVC STATS

SCORING PER GAME		GP	P/G
1. GONNER, Dainmon-SEMO SR	17	20	20.4
2. JENKINS, Willie-TTU SR	19	18.2	
3. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO SR	19	16.8	
4. MERRITT, J. Robert-SAM JR	19	16.3	
5. MCKNIGHT, Chad-MOR SR	20	16.1	
6. DAVIS, Anthony-APSU SR	17	15.7	
7. GOMES, Josh-EIU JR	19	15.5	
8. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU SR	20	15.3	
9. PEARSON, Trey-MUR SO	17	15.2	

ASSISTS PER GAME		GAMES	A/G
1. RUSSELL, Walker-JSU JR	21	7.62	
2. WITT, Matt-EKU JR	20	6.65	
3. JENIFER, Keith-MUR JR	18	4.11	
4. BOYD, Keyon-TTU JR	19	3.74	
5. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU SR	17	3.58	

THURSDAY'S GAME	GAME DESCRIPTION	SATURDAY'S GAME	GAME DESCRIPTION	OVC NOTES
 Eastern Illinois (8-11, 3-5 OVC)	 Eastern Illinois (11-7, 6-2 OVC)	 Eastern Illinois (4-14, 0-6 OVC)	 Tennessee-Martin (4-15, 1-11 OVC)	<p>Player of the Week Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky</p> <p>Newcomer of the Week Trey Pearson, Murray State</p> <p>Freshman of the Week Brandon Davis, Jacksonville State</p>
One week ago, the Panthers toppled then first-place Samford. Tonight, they try and upset the OVC's second-place Racers. The Racers represented the OVC in the NCAA Tournament last year, but return just two players from that team. Sophomore guard Trey Pearson leads the team with 15.2 points per game. Two other Racer starters average in double figures.		For the second straight week, the Panthers play a struggling OVC foe. The Skyhawks only conference win came at Jacksonville State, who is still looking for its first conference win. Tennessee-Martin is led by 6-foot-5 junior forward Jared Newson. His 14.9 scoring average and 6.7 rebounds per game rank in the OVC's top 10.		

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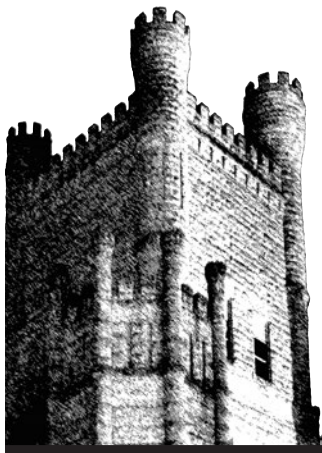
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SPORTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT MURRAY STATE	5 p.m.
	Men's Basketball at Murray State	7:15 p.m.
SATURDAY	WRESTLING AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7 p.m.
SUNDAY	SWIMMING VS SAINT LOUIS	12 p.m.
	Track and Field at Illinois State	thru 2/6

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



THROWING HEAT
MATT STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

Don't count out Panther baseball

Logic is something that comes apparently in all shapes and sizes.

I would've thought logic would state that a young Eastern baseball team that is returning five everyday starters and three starting pitchers off a team that just completed a second place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference would be predicted to finish well. At least no lower than second!

The Panthers boast the return of All-American Freshman third baseman Ryan Campbell, and if in his second year he can improve his fielding (22 errors, .887 fielding percentage), he will challenge for OVC Player of the Year.

"This team can hit for average, hit for power, has an improved pitching rotation and a slew or relief positions."

MATT STEVENS,
STAFF WRITER

to worry about.

The slight unknown is what the pitching staff will turn out to look like and how everybody will adjust to their roles. The number one starter for Eastern is a solid rock on the mound. Senior Kyle Widegren is my vote for most underrated pitcher in the OVC. Yes, Austin Peay junior pitcher Rowdy Hardy is the most dominant pitcher in the conference and probably a high draft pick once he graduates, but Widegren matched Hardy at Coaches Stadium last May.

The wildcard in the staff will be the closer. Well, last year's closer, Chris Vaculik. Vaculik showed

FOOTBALL

Panthers announce new recruits

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo and the Panther coaching staff announced the 14 players of the 2005 recruiting class, 10 of whom are in-state players.

Bryan Flynn, wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator, emphasized focusing its efforts in attracting Illinois athletes.

"We're committed to recruiting in state, Chicago and the Charleston area, and they've been good to us the last two years," Flynn said.

Wide receiver Joey Coia, second all-time in receiving yards in IHSA history with 3,279, highlights the 14 new recruits that signed with Eastern football yesterday.

Outside of Coia, the Panthers recruited two more wide receivers to add to their receiving corp. Coia may also be used to return kicks, Spoo said, and could help improve Eastern's troubled special teams of last year.

The Panthers signed eight offensive players, four of whom were linemen, with another lineman expected to sign later this week. With Eastern returning its whole offensive line from last year, the Panthers can wait for these players to develop, offensive line coach Mark Hudson said, but he still expects his new recruits to be competitive.

"Two of those guys have to step up out of that group," Hudson said. "We'll probably red-shirt the rest."

The Panthers added another quarterback, giving them five total. Kyle Kniss, of Lanark Eastland High School, was an All-State quarterback and was the Freeport Journal

Standard player of the year. Kniss played in an identical offense to Eastern's in high school, Spoo said, and will have a head start when he joins the Panthers.

"More and more true freshman are able to (compete for starting spots)," Spoo said. "They're better prepared and bigger and stronger."

On the defensive side of the ball, Eastern added four defensive backs. The defensive backfield is also returning all of its starters from last season.

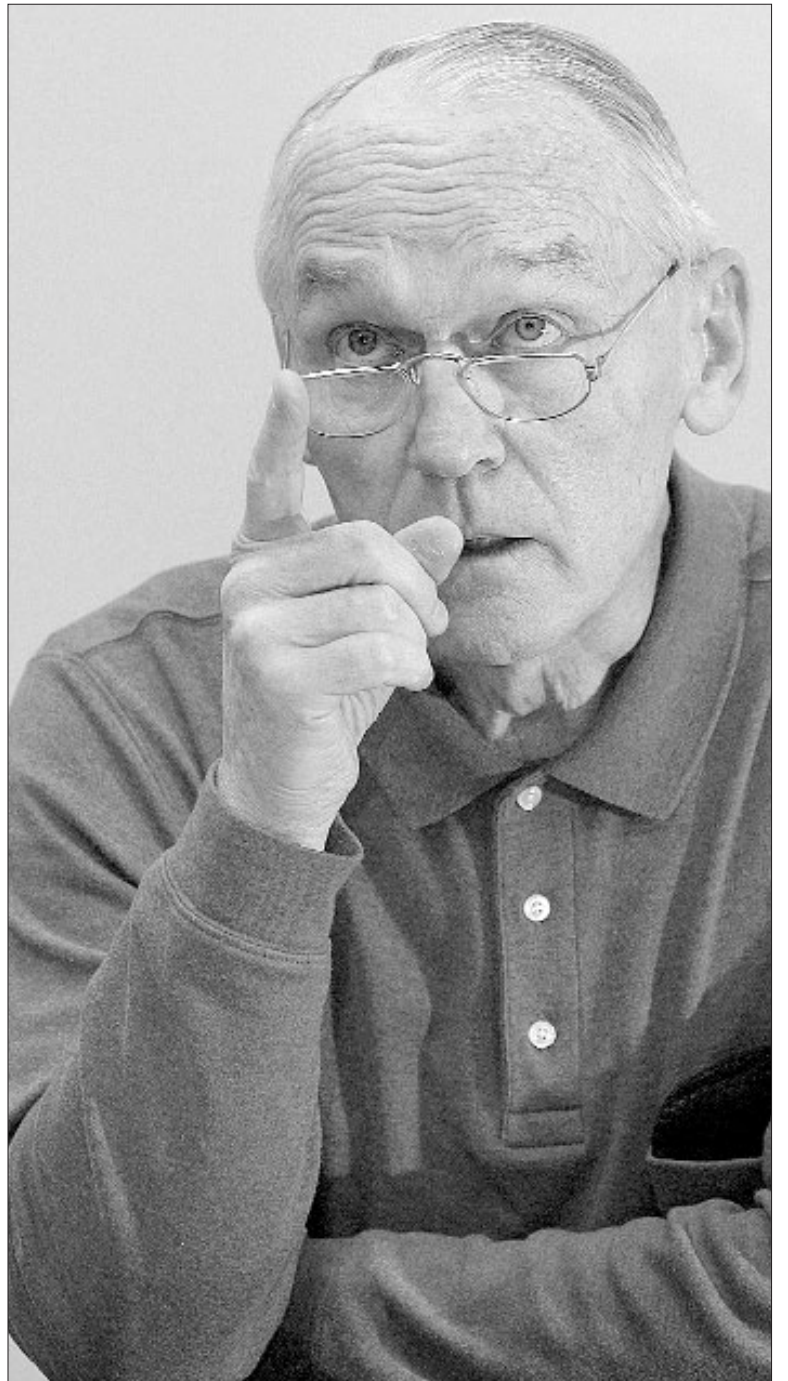
Two of the standouts of the defensive backs are Adrian Arrington, of Bloomington High School, and Justin Moore, of Colerain High School in Cincinnati. Arrington was an Illinois Football Coaches Association All-State selection and was the Big 12 conference defensive MVP. Arrington was a member of Colerain's state champion team that was also ranked fifth nationally in prep football.

Defensive linemen Daniel Moore and linebacker Anthony Morrison round out the 2005 recruiting class and are additions to Eastern's two groups that will be taking the biggest hits in personnel. Moore was the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* defensive player of the year.

Overall, Spoo was pleased with the recruiting class but knows that he can't make an immediate evaluation.

"If (this recruiting class) can measure up to the last two, we'll be successful," Spoo said. "It will be a year or two before we can evaluate."

The recruiting process isn't finished up, though. Four more players - a defensive and offensive lineman, a wide receiver and a kicker - will visit this weekend, Spoo said.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo answers questions about high school recruits Wednesday afternoon in the conference room at O'Brien Stadium.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Youth meets youth in OVC game

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

If a Murray State 2004 graduate were to come back and watch a basketball game, he or she may only recognize two players - that's how many of this year's Racers have returned from last season.

Last season, the Panthers (8-11, 3-5 Ohio Valley Conference) lost both games to the Murray State Racers by an average of 24 points.

Eastern lost the first game of the series at home 67-85 and then traveled to Murray for the final game of the year and lost 51-81.

"We both have new teams with new players this year," assistant coach Mike Church said.

Different is an understatement when talking about the disparity

between this year's Racers (11-7, 6-2) and last year's.

Murray State's Media Relations Director Dave Winder said sophomore forward Shawn Witherspoon is the only Racer who played significant minutes last year.

The Racers currently have zero seniors listed on the roster and five freshmen. In fact, only two of the 13 players who played for Murray State last year are on the team this year.

Winder said the Racers found themselves in the rare situation of graduating nine players in one year. He said the NCAA can't remember that ever happening before.

Winder said some of the guys that graduated last year should have graduated earlier and some could still be on the team.

He said some of the players were

not able to red-shirt during their freshman years because the team needed them to step up and play right away.

Despite the new look, Murray State is the defending OVC tournament champion and is 6-2 in the OVC this year. The Racers' two OVC losses came at Samford, who has only one loss in the OVC, and at Eastern Kentucky.

Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette said it didn't hurt that the Bulldogs had home court advantage (the Racers are 3-6 on the road this year), but the way his team beat Murray was that it forced it out of its game.

Tillette said Murray likes to run and play an up-tempo type game. He said in order to beat Murray, his Bulldogs had to slow Murray down and make it

run its half court offense.

Church is well aware of what Murray likes to do.

"It tends to get lost on defense at times," Church said. "It likes to play the passing lanes. If we can be patient and withstand the first couple of passes, then we should be able to get some good looks at the basket."

Eastern won't have the luxury of home court advantage this time against Murray, who is 7-1 at home, but it will have the experience advantage.

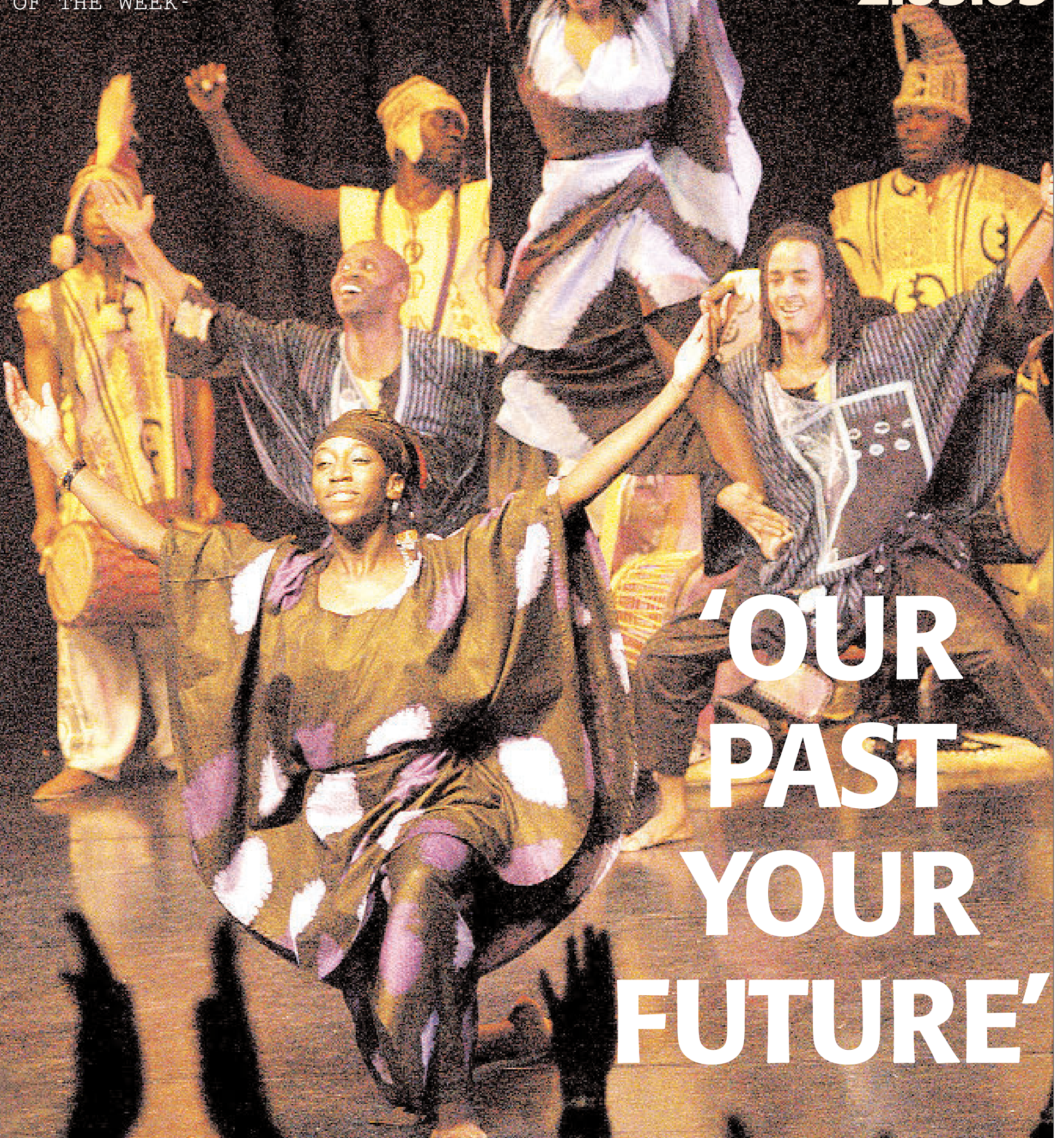
The Panthers are coming off a two game winning streak in which they beat Samford and Jacksonville State. But Eastern is winless on the road thus far this year.

The Panthers will look to get that elusive first road win at Murray State on Thursday night.

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'OUR PAST YOUR FUTURE'

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MAFIA NO MORE

Former Mafia member speaks to Eastern about gambling and its ill effects.

See **MOB** Page 6B



CALENDAR

Fruteland Jackson, The Fuzz, Eastern Jazz Combo, Muntu, Hit Gone Bad, 7 Shot Screammers, the Slurs, Reverend Rob and Brent Byrd to play this weekend

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DIFRANCO STRIKES

Reviewer downplays 'Righteous Babe' Ani's latest release.

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GET FIT 2005

Verge Health and Fitness Series part three: Eastern's personal trainer sheds light how to get fit and why to stay in shape.

See **PUMP** Page 7B

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK

The Slurs, 7 Shot Screammers and Hit Gone Bad to play Friends and Co. Saturday.

See **REKINDLE** Page 8B

QUOTE THIS

What will you do for Mardis Gras weekend?



Ross Beemsterboer
Sophomore Industrial Technology

"I want to try to go down to New Orleans."



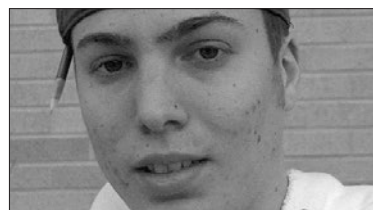
Steve Cook
Senior Journalism

"Stay and watch the Super Bowl."



Jonathan Wintermeyer
Freshman Computer Information Systems

"Hanging out with my girlfriend."



Shane Schedin
Sophomore physical education

"Probably drink."



Alex Dzamtovski
Senior Communication Studies

"Intramural sports."



Kristen McDougall
Sophomore Family and Consumer Sciences

"Nothing that I know of."



Jay Buehnerkemper
Junior Marketing

"Going to St. Louis."



Matt Rosenberg
Elementary Education Major

"Nothing of significance."

TODAY

Fruteland Jackson
7th Street Underground
6-11 p.m.

Eastern Jazz Combo
7-9 p.m.
Jackson Avenue Coffee

FRIDAY

The Fuzz
10 p.m.
Friends and Co.
\$3

SATURDAY

African American Heritage Banquet
5 p.m.
Muntu Dance Troupe
7 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
MLK Jr. Ballroom

The Slurs
7 Shot Screamers
Hit Gone Bad
10 p.m.
Friends and Co.
\$3

Reverend Rob
8-10 p.m.
Jackson Avenue Coffee

"Proof"
7:30 p.m.
The Tarble Arts Center

SUNDAY

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Game time
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"Proof"
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COVER STORY: AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

Troupe performs African dance, music

Muntu takes the stage as part of Heritage Banquet

By JAMI ARCENEUX
STAFF WRITER

Traditional African dance troupe Muntu will accentuate the theme "Our Past, Your Future" at the African-American Heritage Celebration Banquet Saturday.

The Chicago-based theater group tries to "seek to appreciate the differences to amplify the similarities," said Lynn Stevenson, Muntu's company manager. The company is determined to educate all youth, regardless of race, by giving them a firm grasp of their culture. "We understand that there is merit in all cultures," she said.

The event is sponsored by Minority Affairs and University Board.

The group was ideal for the celebration because of their professionalism and what they do for the community, said J.C. Miller, UB cultural chair.

"We wanted to attract students and the general public," Miller said.

Muntu was founded in 1972. Muntu translates as "the essence of humanity," in the Bantu language, which originated in the

ON THE VERGE OF THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEB. 4:

Steppin' Out. Dance lessons & dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union 7 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Free. Students and families are welcome. Sponsored by University Board, Black Student Union and Student Government.

SATURDAY, FEB. 5:

African-American Heritage Banquet 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner, Grand Ballroom. Muntu Dance Company of Chicago will perform African & African-American dance, music & folklore. Tickets sold at Minority Affairs Office. General Public \$15, students and children \$7.

SUNDAY, FEB. 6:

Super Bowl Party sponsored by National PanHellenic Council, BSU, UB. Free food & gifts. 5 p.m. Greek Court.

MONDAY, FEB. 7, 14, 21, 28:

"Know Your Heritage" game will be played in residence halls. Sponsored by NPHC.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9:

Blood and Bone Marrow Drive; Community Blood Services of Illinois. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the African-American Culture Center.

Central African nation of Cameroon. According to www.muntu.com, the troupe performs "authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance and music."

Muntu tours with approximately 10-12 performing members and has traveled and performed in such places as Brazil, Vera Cruz, Ghana and Mexico, Stevenson said. They have also performed at various colleges

and universities in this country, as well as a culture dance festival called Dance Africa.

Shortly after their last performance in December, members of the dance company made their annual trip to Africa to study with different groups of native people. According to what they learned, members will compile a dance that reflects their research, said Stevenson.

"If the company travels to Senegal, they may view a girl's rites of passage ceremony. They

will take what they have studied and interpret it into a dance," said Stevenson. The costumes, music and words for that particular performance would also reflect the studied ceremony. In addition to learning from African tribes, several of the members are African.

In about a year, the Muntu Dance Company of Chicago will be the first company to build its own theater in the city. The future site of the 400-seat theater is on 47th St. and

Greenwood Ave. The Muntu Performing Arts Center will also have several classrooms, historic media and dance classes for all ages and skill levels, Stevenson said.

Muntu founded a program to promote community involvement and reduce negative influences. According to www.muntu.com, the Arts for Community Empowerment Programs are a collaboration of outreach programs that go into the Chicago communities, libraries, schools, community centers and work with the specific needs of that community.

The African-American Heritage Banquet, Saturday, is one of a series of events that kicks off the month of February, also known as Black History Month.

The banquet begins at 5 p.m. with a social. Then, at 6 p.m., dinner will be served. The menu includes baked chicken, fried catfish, penne noodles and marinara sauce, collard greens, green beans, black-eyed peas, white rice, cornbread and warm apple pie a la mode. African-American students with the top GPA from each grade level will be honored. Shortly following the ceremony, at approximately 7 p.m., the Muntu Dance Company of Chicago will perform.

UNIVERSITY BOARD

UB event allows students to consume art, hot dogs

By BRIAN O'MALLEY
STAFF WRITER

Nothing hits the spot on a Friday night like artwork and hot dogs.

The University Board at 9 p.m. Friday is holding the Comedy Art show and Hot Dog Eating Contest, an event that will allow students to bring and display artwork, play music or perform stand-up comedy, and then take part in a hot dog consuming competition.

"It's something fun and different," said Chris Stanfield, UB Comedy Coordinator.

"We're trying a new idea. I think it's funny."

Stanfield said Wal-Mart gift certificates will be awarded to the winner of the hot dog eating contest and to some of the students with exceptional artwork.

Stanfield said he doesn't expect the fact that the event is on a Friday night to have a negative effect on attendance.

"It's not our typical event," he said. "I expect it to be a good crowd."

UB Chair Maria Santoyo said the attendance at comedy events is always high.

"I think comedy always does well with

attendance," she said. "I'm very hopeful that we'll have a good turnout."

The art show/hot dog contest event is a new idea Stanfield came up with recently.

"(Stanfield)'s been working hard on bringing something new to Eastern," Santoyo said. "It's something new, something different, something we're striving for all the time."

UB Vice-Chair Bill Welter said the point of the event is to bring in students that haven't attended UB events before.

"This is a creative idea," Welter said.

"We're trying to reach out to a lot of different students."

Attendance is free for students, and all students are allowed to bring a piece of artwork they would like to show other students. Students will also be able to enjoy free refreshments provided by the UB.

"It's just good, old entertainment for the kids," Stanfield said.

"It should be a good event," Welter said.

The event will be held at 9 p.m. Friday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Jackson judge calls jury pool sufficient

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—The judge in the child molestation case against Michael Jackson said Tuesday he had a sufficient pool of about 250 prospective jurors willing to sit through the projected six-month trial, moving jury selection along more quickly than expected.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said about 300 more prospective jurors who had been scheduled to report Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday would not be needed.

"I think we have enough jurors," Melville said at midday.

The next stage begins on Monday, when the prospective jurors will be individually questioned by the defense and the prosecution. The judge wants to seat a jury of 12, with eight alternates.

During 1 1/2 days of initial screening, about 430 prospective jurors were brought into court in large groups for questioning by the judge as Jackson, his attorneys and the prosecution watched.

Melville listened to prospective jurors' explanations of why they could not sit through a long trial and rarely asked any follow-up questions, merely saying, "All right, thank you." It appeared that he granted most of the excuses.

Over both days of screening,

about 200 prospective jurors said they could not serve.

Fewer than 100 fans were on hand Tuesday as Jackson arrived in a black suit with gold and red stripes down the legs of his pants. The pop star was upbeat as he entered court, chatting animatedly with his attorneys and smiling when jurors arrived. At one point he took out a large yellow legal pad and took notes.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting a teenage boy and plying him with alcohol at his Neverland Ranch in 2003.

Trial observer Jim Hammer, a former San Francisco assistant district attorney, said jury selection may be going faster than expected because more than the usual number of prospective jurors were willing to participate in the case.

"I think part of it is the celebrity factor, being a part of history," Hammer said. "If anything, more than half this jury (pool) is willing to serve."

Among the prospective jurors who were excused were those who said they could not leave their posts at nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base, several pregnant women and a large number of self-employed workers who said they would lose their livelihood if they could not work for six months.

USHER GETS FIVE SOUL TRAIN NOMINATIONS

LOS ANGELES—Usher collected a leading five nominations Tuesday for the annual Soul Train Music Awards.

The R&B sensation received bids for best male R&B-soul album for "Confessions," and best male R&B-soul single for "Confessions Part II." "My Boo," his duet with Alicia Keys, also earned him and the soul diva a nomination. Usher's work with rappers Ludacris & Lil Jon also got him nominations for best R&B-soul or rap music video and best R&B-soul or rap dance cut for the song "Yeah!"

Usher swept the American Music Awards with four honors and has eight nominations for the upcoming Grammys. Sexy newcomer Ciara, who burst onto the charts last year with her album "Goodies," garnered four nominations, including best female R&B-soul album and best R&B-soul or rap by a new artist.

Keys' album "The Diary of Alicia Keys" was also up for best R&B-soul album by a female. Her song "If I Ain't Got You" received a best single nod in the female R&B-soul category.

Among other Soul Train nomi-

nees were Prince and Beyonce. CARSON'S 'TONIGHT' GUEST BOOKS AUCTIONED

LOS ANGELES—Guest books signed by Johnny Carson's famous visitors to "The Tonight Show" and rescued from the trash in the 1960s may turn into treasure for their owner.

The three books, containing signatures of Groucho Marx, Paul Newman, William Saroyan, Arnold Palmer and other celebrities, are being auctioned online by Steve North, whose father, Jules, worked for NBC's "Tonight" show.

From 1963-65, the books contain more than 400 signatures and notes and drawings some visitors made for Carson, North said. The book-signing tradition fell off in the third season.

The eBay auction, which had drawn 28 bids as of midday Tuesday, ends 8 p.m. EST Sunday, North said.

STUDY ATTACKS MTV'S PROGRAMMING

NEW YORK—Approaching the first anniversary of Janet Jackson's

famed wardrobe malfunction, a study released Tuesday criticized MTV for the "incessant sleaze" of steamy programming aimed at young people.

During one week last March, the watchdog Parents Television Council said it counted 3,056 flashes of nudity or sexual situations and 2,881 verbal references to sex.

MTV labeled the report unfair and said the group ignores the network's public service efforts, like its Emmy-winning "Choose or Lose" campaign on the presidential election.

PBS STATIONS TO AIR EPISODE WITH LESBIANS

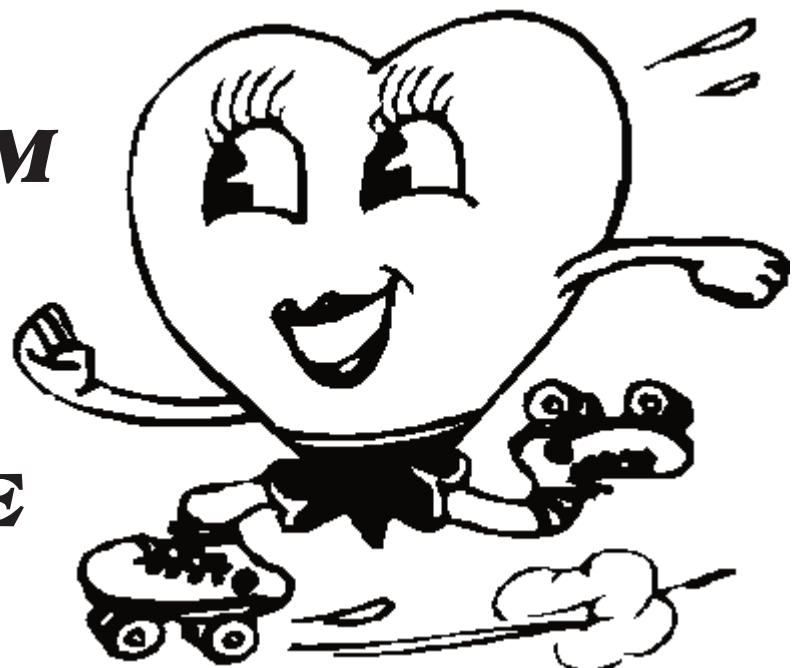
NEW YORK—Several PBS stations will air an episode of the children's show "Postcards From Buster" despite the network's decision not to distribute it nationwide because two lesbian couples were depicted in it.

So far, 21 stations have said they will air it and another six have indicated they probably will, Jeanne Hopkins, spokeswoman for Boston's WGBH-TV, said Tuesday. The station produced the series.

PBS said last week it would not

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Turning his back on the Mob

Former mobster gives insight into grim life in the New York Mafia and how he quit

By JOAQUIN OCHOA
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Michael Franzese, then 18, was driving home one night and didn't stop at a stop sign.

"I didn't stop, just kind of slowed down."

A cop pulled him over and asked him why he didn't stop.

Franzese answered. "I slowed down."

Franzese said he felt he had to be tough, being the son of a mob under-boss, and when the police officer repeatedly asked him what the "Stop" sign said, and what you do when you see a stop sign, Franzese replied, "To me it says slow down."

The officer hit Franzese six times with a billy club, and Franzese said he tried to take it as best he could, but finally said, "STOP!"

Franzese said, "He said, 'do you want me to stop or do you want me to slow down?'"

"Don't slow down. Just stop," was the crux of Franzese's message Monday night at the University Ballroom. Franzese, a notorious mobster who spent the better part of a decade in prison for tax fraud, racketeering and parole violations, knows a little something about stopping.

He stopped being a mobster, with the help of a young woman who would later be his wife, and went to prison. This, after making several hundred million dollars for the Colombo crime family and being known as the "Yuppie Don." Franzese has transformed himself into an author, lecturer and role model, and he wants gamblers, particularly student athletes who gamble, to heed his advice.

Shannon Brende, former lectures coordinator for the University Board, said Franzese's lecture was done with Super Bowl weekend in mind. Cosponsors that included the Orientations Office, the Department of Athletics and the Health Education Resource Center wanted to let their athletes know the outcome and consequences of gambling.

"I didn't originally volunteer for this job," Franzese said. "I was recruited during prison to talk to students about gambling."

"What I'm telling you here tonight, I didn't learn it in school; nobody taught me, I learned it on the streets," Franzese said. Among the operations Franzese controlled, including stealing taxes from selling wholesale gasoline, was a major gambling ring. Franzese targeted athletes on the professional and student levels.

YOU ARE A TARGET

Franzese told the audience, composed largely of coed athletes, "I wouldn't dare compete with you on the field. But if you come into my business, the business of gambling, you're no match for me—I'll eat you up. And there's hundreds of guys that are better than me."

Franzese has spoken in front of players in the NFL, NBA and MLB, as well as students in college. He urged the audience to think about their future when considering a bet with a bookie because there's a



LINDSEY CHOY/VERGE

Michael Franzese, former Mob member, speaks about the negative effects of gambling to a crowd made up of mostly athletes in the University Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday night.

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MICHAEL FRANZESE
EX MOBSTER

good chance that bookie could be linked to organized crime. NCAA rules, he said, have harsh consequences for players who bet, but there are also physical repercussions if a gambling player doesn't take the situation seriously.

"Serious people are in the business of gambling, whether it's legitimate or illegitimate," Franzese said. "I'm not going to lie to you, that's a violent life at times"

"If you're an athlete, there's no place in it in your life. You have to let them know that they'll be crossing into territory where guys are out to get them, [athletes] are a target.

"Why expose yourself to something like that? We didn't care about anything about anybody, but winning that bet," Franzese said.

"I ruined the careers of many athletes on both levels (professional and collegiate)," Franzese said.

Franzese cited Websense, a web filtering company, that said there were only 25 gambling sites in 1997, but the number has grown dramatically to 1,800 in 2003, and currently sits at 54,500.

In other words, this is not a business built on winners; it's built on losers.

Franzese said none of those sites are legal.

Athletes aren't the only ones affected by gambling. Students, citizens and families are affected. Casinos as institutions add to the problem that will not help with fiscal woes. Crime is a byproduct of gambling, he said.

"Any city that has fiscal trouble, they say it'll build up the state coffers. For about three years it's true. They put people to work, hire employees, everyone wins for about two to three years. As soon as they open, within one year, the crime rate doesn't go up ... it sky rockets. Everything from petty thievery to rape to murder," Franzese said. "You have a roommate who's gambling? Hide your stuff, as soon as he loses, he'll steal and more." Gambling is increasingly pervasive, he said. "It's being marketed to people in Wall Street, to a mother of three, to 12-year-olds and adolescents in high school"—promoted, Franzese said, as if it were the national past time.

LIVING THE LIFE

Franzese said he was engulfed by the street life. For viewers at home, movies such as "Donnie Brasco," starring Johnny Depp, "Goodfellas," with Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta and Joe Pesci, and HBO's "Gotti" are the most accurate depictions of the lifestyle.

"My dad was the John Gotti of his day, a major target of law enforcement. He was always in the papers. I grew up in a very distorted lifestyle; I viewed the police as the enemy trying to take my dad away.

"Surveillance was different back in the '60s; they wanted my dad to know he was being investigated. We actually had cars parked in front of my house from different agencies," he said.

Franzese mentioned a party his father threw for him when he was young, with friends from school. Everyone who went to the party was asked to talk to the FBI about the party.

"Environment plays a lot ... had I not been in the environment, would I have gravitated to the streets? I don't think so," but he also said his dad wanted him to stay out of the business.

After his father, John Franzese, was sentenced to 50 years in prison for grand larceny and other crimes, young Franzese joined the Colombo family. He soon became one of the biggest money makers for the family. Later Camille Garcia, whom he eventually married, convinced him to take the rap on a racketeering charge and he quit the Mob.

Sentenced to 10 years, Franzese was asked to take part in an educational anti-gambling video narrated by Greg Gumbel, containing professional players warning of problems. Since out, he's been able to parlay his previous life into more positive efforts, writing two books, "Quitting the Mob" and "Blood Covenant." He's been on Jim Rome's "Rome is on Fire" sports talk show and has spoken across the country to many students and professional athletes.

"If you read the books, people in the know: my mother, authorities, the media, said, I'm going to get whacked. The odds weren't good. When you live in the life, you face the threat of death. For me, taking the chance to get out of the life, so what; my chances are out and in. It's the same thing. I had my doubts. I didn't think I was going to make it for very long.

To this day, Franzese says, many still say he shouldn't have been able to get out.

By HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR

The stair machine at the Student Recreation Center is calling.

"Climb on me," it taunts. "Put your hands on my handles," reads the digital display.

Many people make New Year's resolutions to work out more frequently or get buff for Spring Break. Besides short-term motives, the government is also urging Americans to workout.

"Almost two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese and more than half get too little physical activity," reports the sixth edition of dietary guidelines for Americans, issued Jan. 15 by the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture.

"In this country, a lot of people don't take preventative measures to their health," said Chad Buccini, the Student Recreation Center's personal trainer. "Regular exercise helps to live a more qualitative and quantitative life and reduces stress."

The key is moderation listen to your body. If you're tired all the time, you're working out too much."

CHAD BUCCINI
SENIOR HEALTH
STUDIES MAJOR

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines also recommend at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week to reduce the risk of chronic disease.

Buccini, a senior health studies major and physical education minor, has worked at the SRC since August. He was certified by the American Council on Exercise in May. Another trainer shared his work until graduation last semester.

Proof that resolutions to get into shape are rampant, Buccini clocked in 30 hours of training time the first 10

days of classes. Reachable by a binder located in the front of the SRC, Buccini is available to give free fitness advice and training to Eastern students and faculty.

"I like to work out all the time so I like to share that enthusiasm with my clients," he said.

Interested parties are asked to fill out a form assessing personal goals, the best time to be contacted, tentative free time, as well as a sample health history form, medications and past injuries.

COMMON GOALS

Buccini said some people seek instruction on how to use the machines, others are looking for a workout regimen and others need nutritional advice.

Students' common goals are weight loss, toning and bulking up.

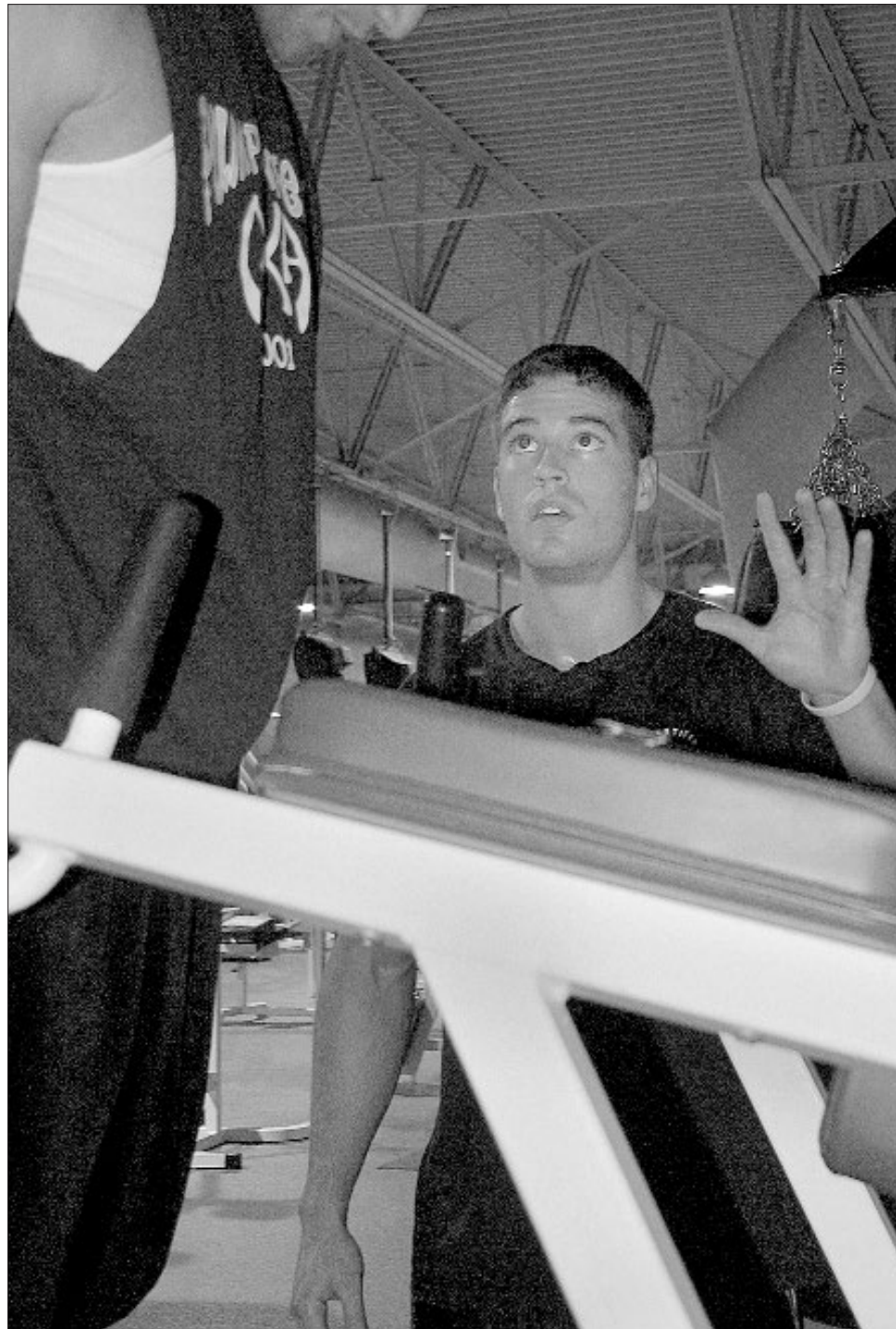
"Guys want to get 'ripped' and girls want to get 'toned,' Buccini said, "but it's all building muscle. With Spring Break coming up, everyone wants six-pack abs."

But the perfect body doesn't depend just on working out. Lifestyle, diet and genetics play major roles in the process of body sculpting.

The key to keeping up a New Year's resolution is social, said Buccini.

He wants to PUMP YOU UP

Eastern's personal trainer offers directions on how to get your workout on



HOLLY HENSCHEN/VERGE

Chad Buccini, the Student Recreation Center's personal trainer, encourages a student who is doing dips. Buccini said he likes to work out all the time, and likes to share that enthusiasm with his clients.

"The more friends will come with you, the more enjoyable it will be for you," he said.

Students hoping to look hot for Spring Break should work out in moderation.

"If they're starting now-don't overdo it. Try not to work out for more than an hour at a time," Buccini said. He encourages students to keep a healthy diet, keep in mind that each person's body type is different and fad diets are unhealthy.

"I stay away from all the low-carb, fad diets," said Buccini.

The key is eating healthy foods and incorporating a lot of complex carbs and proteins, he said.

"I tell people to eat more frequently. I'm amazed at people here who don't eat more than one or two meals a day," said Buccini.

He said everyone should at least eat a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner and eat a half hour to an hour before they work out so they can have some carbs in their system for energy.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN

Some people have multiple daily workout sessions at the Rec. Buccini said exercisers shouldn't be in the Rec longer than an hour a day. Healthy workouts consist of 40-60 minutes per session.

Students should wait 8-10 hours between workouts to let the body rest and recover.

"The key is moderation; listen to your body," Buccini said. "If you're tired all the time, you're working out too much." Symptoms of overworking out are inability to sleep, irritability and increase in resting heart rate.

THE SKINNY ON WEIGHT LOSS

Since more than one-third of Americans are overweight or obese, it makes sense that a common student inquiry is how to lose weight. Buccini said weight training is just as important as cardiovascular exercise for downsizing the physique.

"When you weight train, you burn 30-50 calories for every pound of muscle that you gain," he said. Women especially benefit from weight training because it protects against osteoporosis.

Beginners should do two sets of 8-10 repetitions. Medium to advanced lifters should add a third set of 6-12 reps. In addition, the workout program should be altered monthly.

"The more you change it up, the more changes you can see in your body," Buccini said.

"When the mind gets bored, the body gets bored."

He recommends aerobic classes for cardiovascular activity.

Weight is not an entirely adequate measurement of fitness, Buccini said. He prefers body fat percentage over the scale because many things such as water intake affect poundage.

Form is vital to workout success, he said. "For every exercise, I go over how you stand and how you breathe."

GETTING BULKY

For strength training, more sets with low reps is effective. "When you're trying to build endurance for a muscle, do maybe two sets with reps of 15."

Caloric intake has to be adjusted for an individual to gain weight, Buccini added.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Though college students aren't known for their healthful diets, restrictions don't make a healthy diet.

"I don't like to think of foods being bad," said Buccini. "Everything is allowed within a diet in moderation."

There are simple ways to alter the diet with short-term, attainable goals. "It's the small changes that people can incorporate into their lifestyles"

Students adjust better to small steps, he said, such as switching soda intake to diet pop or 2 percent milk to skim, and adding specific measurements, such as an extra cup of vegetables a day.

AN EXAMPLE

Buccini not only works at the SRC, he also works out there, too.

"This is like my meditation when I'm here," he said. "If I didn't have this place to work out, I'd be insane."

He puts on headphones and zones out. By the time he walks out the door his stress has disappeared.

"Physical fitness is THE most important thing you can do for yourself," Buccini

Editor's Note. This is the third of a series on health and fitness possibilities on campus. From keeping a new year's resolution to buffing up for Spring Break, Eastern and the Verge have got you covered.

'ROCK TO BE REKINDLED'

BY HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR

Slurs, screams and surf are scheduled to fill Friends and Co. Saturday.

St. Louis-based bands, The Slurs and 7 Shot Screammers, will be supported by Eastern-bred group Hit Gone Bad.

Instrumental surf outfit Hit Gone Bad will make their first public appearance since a show last year in the same location. The band formed at Eastern in Fall 1999 when they converged under unusual circumstances, according to drummer Scott Ducar.

"We're part of a government relocation program that had to relocate some assassins.

And what better cover than a surf band in Illinois?" Ducar said. The band was also brought together by a common affinity for "alcohol, drugs and appreciation and love for the female form."

Hit Gone Bad includes Dave Gierhahn on bass, Phil Manning on guitar in addition to drummer Ducar.

"We play any show we want to," said Ducar, "and we don't practice."

The secret agent band has four indie releases, 1999's "Declassified" EP, "The Getaway" released in 2001, "High Speed Chaser" in 2002, and "Live at the Highdive" in the next year.

"We have never broken up," Ducar said. "We just haven't played a show in a while because we've been assigned to different relocations. Now since the war on terror is going on, all of the other assassins are in Iraq and the heat is off.

Since graduating from Eastern in 2003, Ducar is working as an aid in a Chicago school, Gierhahn is employed with Caterpillar in Chicago and Manning, an auto mechanic in Decatur, recently bought a 1957 pink Cadillac.

Hit Gone Bad plans to play their classics, as well as a new number titled "Robert's Plant's Pants," inspired by the tightly-trousered Led Zeppelin frontman.



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St. Louis band 7 Shot Screammers will play between openers Hit Gone Bad and headliners the Slurs Saturday at Friends and Co. 7 Shot Screammers released "Keep the Flame Alive" in late July.

Ducar promises the group is "one of a trifecta that are going to rekindle the libido of rock 'n' roll in the sleepy little town you call Charleston."

St. Louis-based three piece 7 Shot Screammers is a punk-fueled rockabilly concoction complete with standup bass. The band's name was drawn from "four shot screamer," a European term for a light-weight drinker. Naturally, a seven shot screamer would be nearly twice as hardcore as a three-shotter. Vocalist Mike Leahy said the name fits the band's alcohol-related tendencies.

7 Shot Screammers have been together since they met in high school. They've since toured the United States coast to coast and acted as the backup band for famed punk frontwoman Exene Cervenka. Formerly of groundbreaking Los Angeles group, X, Cervenka heard 7 Shot Screammers

multiple times while visiting St. Louis. She met her husband, Jason Edge of The Original Sinners at a show the Screammers played with Los Straightjackets.

"Every time she was in town after that, she came to a bunch of our shows," said Leahy. Cervenka later invited the band to play in Hollywood. 7 Shot Screammers recorded at Klown Studios with Cervenka and The Original Sinners. But since Cervenka had the vocals covered, Leahy didn't get in on the recording action.

Leahy made the most of the situation by playing free foosball and hanging out with Winona Ryder. He says he has the photos to prove it.

7 Shot Screammers are influenced by the Beatles, T. Rex, New York Dolls and Adam Ant. Leahy, who pens the lyrics, said, "they end up being kind of dark. I don't really write about girls or issues,

just what's on my mind."

The title track of the band's most recent release "Keep the Flame Alive" pays homage to past rockers.

"It's about if you think that rock 'n' roll is kind of a dying breed, trying to keep it going," Leahy said.

7 Shot Screammers just got off the road with Victory recording artists River City Rebels. Leahy said he's recently been enthused by a Dresden Dolls show.

"I just saw them last year and I've been in love with them ever since," he said.

Fellow St. Louis rockers the Slurs are scheduled to have their CD release party that evening.

The show is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. with a \$3 cover charge. Friends and Co. is located on Van Buren Street, southwest of the Square.



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Defeat: 15 years and counting

Calling them the blue and orange allegory for hopelessness would be the nice thing to do, but I'm through being nice.

Time-and-time again, the Chicago Bears have failed to perform beyond the high-school level and it has struck pain in the hearts of fans everywhere.

Do yourself a favor by taking a stand: abandon the Bears now and forever before they promise to ruin your Sunday afternoons again. And don't worry about twisting an ankle when jumping off the "support-your-home-team bandwagon." It's your first step in realizing that too much has to happen in order for the Bears to become a winning team ever again.

This Sunday will mark the end of another season, and the beginning of the rest of your lives.

Let's face it, the Bears' head coach Lovie Smith isn't willing to do what needs to be done to build a professional football team.

If he was, he'd be searching a database of people who purchased tickets this season right now to call them at home and ask: "Can you catch a ball? Can you throw a pass? Can you run without tripping over your teammates?"

I'm willing to bet that there'd be an influx of candid responses in support of trying out for the team.

From here, it's all a matter of starting from scratch. All the current team members would be dumped for a group of rabid fans with a passion for playing the game and winning.

Even during the season, when the coaching staff still had a meager chance to try new things on the field in an attempt to produce yardage, they defaulted to try anything at all.

Instead, after the fragile Rex Grossman was injured in game three, they opted to use backup quarterbacks who might as well have all been named Henry Burris.

As a better alternative to relying on these inept individuals, team management should've opted to herd willing fans into a single file line towards an opening to the field where boxes of jerseys, helmets and equipment would be waiting. The procession would march out onto the field one at a time, giving the Bears a shot at a working quarterback each play.

If the fan was successful, he would stay out there. If he played like a Bear, he'd be removed after his first attempt to give the next person a shot at completing a pass or making a successful run.

The Chicago Bears will not change their ways. Don't let them get the best of you again. Next season, support a real team.

'Knuckle Down' throws weak punch

BY GREG WALKER
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Folksy singer/songwriter Ani DiFranco is back for her 15th album with "Knuckle Down." Fans of DiFranco may be surprised to find out that this album is being co-produced by DiFranco and performer/songwriter Jon Henry. This is the first time that DiFranco has co-produced an album in her almost 15-year history. DiFranco is definitely a unique artist who is not aiming to please radio stations, top-ten countdowns and MTV.

What guides DiFranco's songs are her lyrics. DiFranco is a gifted lyricist whose songs easily paint a picture right into your head. Each song tells a story, from heartbreak to family, each one different in its own way. On the title track, DiFranco easily puts the image into the listener's mind, "That's just my cowgirl alter-ego/ riding on her bar room bull/ dripping with the sweat of irony/ as the cowboys whoop and drool."



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Other notable lyrics are the excellent rhymes from "Manhole," "I'm holding here a book/ notable, but not the greatest, stolen for me by the latest, in a long line of thieves."

With lyrics like that it is hard to deny that

DiFranco has a talent for penning outstanding songs.

The songs all consist of great production values. Most songs are guided by DiFranco's clear-sounding acoustic guitar. On some songs DiFranco is accompanied by pianos, drums, violin, bass, chamberlain and a few other instruments. This sets the tone for the album, The lyrics may be in your face at times, but the sound is not the least bit loud per say.

The only problem with "Knuckle Down," and its biggest, is (as bad as it sounds) its accessibility. This is definitely an album that a newcomer to DiFranco can't just pick up. This is an acquired taste to those who are not familiar with the whole singer/songwriter genre.

Fans of DiFranco are more likely to easily settle in with "Knuckle Down" and enjoy its stories of ups and downs.

If you are willing to invest time and patience with "Knuckle Down," then you may be rewarded, but it all depends on the listener.